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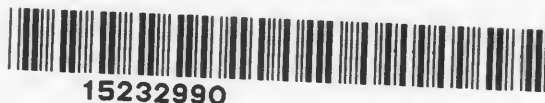
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| 1827—Samuel Kepler. | 1858—A. Poe Boude. |
| 1830—Alfred A. Eskridge. | Charles L. Torreyson. |
| 1832—Francis M. Mills. | John W. Canter. |
| 1833—David Thomas. | 1859—Thomas Briley. |
| 1834—Nelson Head. | William Hedges. |
| 1835—John S. Martin. | Lewis H. Graybill. |
| 1837—Wm. G. Eggleston. | Larkin H. Crenshaw. |
| 1838—Thomas Hildebrand. | Sylvanus Townsend. |
| 1841—George Stevenson. | 1860—Andrew Robey. |
| Henry Hoffman. | Lewis R. Jones. |
| 1842—James H. March. | William K. Boyle. |
| J. Hoffman Waugh. | John P. Hyde. |
| 1843—Francis H. Richey. | George H. Zimmerman. |
| 1844—Wm. H. Wilson. | Leonidas Butt. |
| John W. Tongue. | J. Lester Shipley. |
| Samuel K. Cox. | Edward H. Henry. |
| 1845—Joseph N. Spangler. | J. Hervey Dulany. |
| Joshua M. Grandin. | 1861—Lemuel W. Haslup. |
| 1846—John W. Wolfe. | Peter H. Whisner. |
| Robert Smith. | Adam Q. Flaherty. |
| 1848—John Landstreet. | Charles A. Joyce. |
| Samuel Rodgers. | Maybury G. Balthis. |
| John C. Dice. | Wm. A. Harris. |
| Charles G. Linthicum. | 1863—Lewis C. Miller. |
| 1850—William P. Harrison. | Wm. C. Maloy. |
| James Beaty. | Allen A. P. Neel. |
| 1851—J. Newman Hank. | 1864—Joseph J. Crickenberger. |
| Gilson Mauzy. | Charles L. Damaron. |
| John W. Boteler. | Addison Weller. |
| 1853—James E. Armstrong. | Wesley Hammond. |
| James S. Gardner. | 1866—John T. Maxwell. |
| Thomas E. Carson. | Wm. A. McDonald. |
| Hamilton A. Gaver. | John A. Kern. |
| John W. Ewan. | Isaac W. Canter. |
| Ephriam L. Kregelo. | Benjamin F. Ball. |
| Presley B. Smith. | James R. VanHorne. |
| 1854—Robert R. S. Hough. | 1867—Rufus H. Wilson. |
| 1855—James H. Wolff. | Walter W. Watts. |
| George R. Jefferson. | Thomas W. Brown. |
| William R. Stringer. | H. Monroe Strickler. |
| Francis A. Mercer. | Silas R. Snapp. |
| Joseph H. Temple. | 1868—George W. Lightner. |
| 1856—P. S. E. Sixeas. | David Bush. |
| Saul B. Dolly. | Asbury R. Martin. |
| Wm. T. Quinn. | Wm. A. Wade. |
| Joseph J. Engle. | Robert Ross. |
| Rumsey Smithson. | Wm. H. D. Harper. |
| 1857—Edward F. Heterick. | Burton S. Highley. |
| Aaron Boon. | Lewis G. Martin. |
| James S. Porter. | 1869—Frazier Furr. |
| Wm. G. Hammond. | George T. Tyler. |

1869—Samuel W. Haddaway. Wm. O. Ross. Henry D. Bishop. Francis H. Shipley. James J. Carden.	1876—George T. D. Collins. J. Latimer Kibler. L. Rosser Greene. William E. Woolf. Alexander B. Blue. John H. Davidson.
1870—Jefferson W. Duffey. John S. Hutchinson.	1877—William H. Woolf. F. Montgomery Strother. Lee M. Lyle. R. Stewart Cunningham. German O. Homan. Jacob S. Hopkins. John C. Jones. Henry P. Hamill.
1871—William E. Miller. Beverly W. Bond Hamilton W. Kinzer. Asbury C. McNeer.	1878—John A. Anderson. William N. Wagner. William K. Marshall. William H. Sanders.
1872—William L. Lynch. Francis A. Strother. Sydnor G. Ferguson. John C. Sedwick. Lewis L. Lloyd. Oliver C. Beall. Lafayette Fox.	1879—James W. Grubb. David F. Eutsler. W. P. Conway Coe.
1873—William B. Dorsey. John W. Steele. Vincent W. Wheeler. James T. Williams.	1882—Collins Denny. John C. Thrasher. J. Timothy Smith.
1874—J. Robert Andrew. J. Frederick Baggs. Thomas G. Nevitt. Oscar F. Burgess. Charles E. Simmons. Rufus M. Wheeler. Robert M. Williams.	1883—Basil W. Waters. James Edgar Wilson. John Miller. John W. Mitchell. Henry A. Brown. Simpson V. Hildebrand.
1875—James H. Boyd. A. Ezra Bradenbaugh. Charles M. Brown. Andrew M. Cackley. Henry S. Coe. J. Kyle Gilbert Wm. W. Hedrick. Luke R. Markwood. J. Watts Shoaff.	1884—James M. Hawley. Samuel S. Troy. Augustus Davisson. David L. Reid. John O. Tackett. Frank T. Griffith.

LAY REPRESENTATIVES.

- BALTIMORE DISTRICT—Richard J. Baker, E. Barrett Prettyman, Joseph A. Clarkson, S. George Donohoe.
- EAST BALTIMORE DISTRICT—Thomas J. Magruder, Montgomery Lloyd, James S. Biddison, Henry Tydings.
- WASHINGTON DISTRICT—Jesse B. Wilson, John H. Hamill, Wm. McCray, Henry M. Woolf.
- WINCHESTER DISTRICT—John H. Grabill, Gibson E. Roy, Jacob Snyder, G. A. Brown.
- ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT—Edward S. Conrad, James O. Hobbs, Edward J. Armstrong, Jonathan Coiner.
- ROANOKE DISTRICT—Hamilton D. Wade, James H. H. Figgatt, Tipton T. Fishburne, John W. Woods
- LEWISBURG DISTRICT—John J. Hobbs, John Waugh, Frank Hereford, George Law.
- MOOREFIELD DISTRICT—Jesse Liston, Henry Homan, James B. Reese, Wm. B. Hill.

GENERAL MINUTES.

Ques. I. Who are admitted on trial?

Ans. Forrest Johnston Prettyman, Clarence Lamartine Kennard, William Lee Dolly, John Olin Knott, John Hiram Light, Hamilton M. Roane, John Henry Kuhlmann. — 4

Ques. II. Who remain on trial?

Ans. John N. McCormick, Jefferson D. Martin, Edward Y. Ginn, D. Melancthon James, George D. White, James L. Henderson, John Trezise, Charles W. Mark,* Charles B. Sutton.* — 9

*Continued in this class from last year.

Ques. III. Who are discontinued?

Ans. None.

Ques. IV. Who are admitted into full connection?

Ans. †James M. Hawley, Samuel S. Troy, †Augustus Davisson, David L. Reid, †John O. Tackett, Frank T. Griffith, Henry A. Brown.* — 7

*Continued in this class from last year.

†Already Deacons.

Ques. V. Who are re-admitted?

Ans. None.

Ques. VI. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Ans. James J. Carden. — 1

Ques. VII. Who are the Deacons of one year?

Ans. Basil W. Waters, J. Edgar Wilson, John Miller, John W. Mitchell, Simpson V. Hildebrand. — 5

Ques. VIII. What traveling preachers are elected Deacons?

Ans. Samuel S. Troy, David L. Reid, Frank T. Griffith. — 3

Ques. IX. What traveling preachers are ordained Deacons?

Ans. Samuel S. Troy, David L. Reid, Frank T. Griffith. — 3

Ques. X. What local preachers are elected Deacons?

Ans. John A. Brumbaugh, William H. Shuff, John Waugh. — 3

Ques. XI. What local preachers are ordained Deacons?

Ans. John A. Brumbaugh, John Waugh. — 2

Ques. XII. What traveling preachers are elected Elders?

Ans. Collins Denny, John C. Thrasher, W. P. Conway Coe, Alexander B. Blue. — 4

Ques. XIII. What traveling preachers are ordained Elders?

Ans. Collins Denny, John C. Thrasher, W. P. Conway Coe, Alexander B. Blue. — 4

Ques. XIV. What local preachers are elected Elders?

Ans. None.

Ques. XV. What local preachers are ordained Elders?

Ans. None.

Ques. XVI. Who are located this year.

Ans. William M. Hiner, Ritchie J. Briggs. (At their own request.)

Ques. XVII. Who are Supernumerary?

Ans. Joseph N. Spangler, J. Newman Hank, Asbury R. Martin, Edward F. Heterick, Larkin H. Crenshaw, William T. Quinn, John W. Boteler, William Hedges, Joseph J. Engle, James Beaty, Adam P. Boude, George R. Jefferson, Wm. C. Maloy, Aaron Boon, Philip S. E. Sixeas.

Ques. XVIII. Who are Superannuated?

Ans. Samuel Kepler, Alfred A. Eskridge, Francis M. Mills, David Thomas, Thomas Hildebrand, George Stevenson, Henry Hoffman, James H. March, Francis H. Richey, William H. Wilson, John W. Tongue, Joshua M. Grandin, Gilson Mauzy, John W. Ewan, Ephraim L. Kregelo, Mabury G. Balthis, George W. Lightner.

Ques. XIX. Who have died during the past year?

Ans. Edward G. Vandiver. —/

Ques. XX. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Ans. Their names were called, one by one, and their characters were examined and passed.

J. Asbury Register, Shannon F. Butt, withdrawn.

Ques. XXI. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several Circuits, Stations and Missions of the Conference?

Ans. Local preachers, 110; white members, 32,404; colored members, 32; total, 32,546.

Ques. XXII. How many infants have been baptized during the year?

Ans. 1,357.

Ques. XXIII. How many adults have been baptized during the year?

Ans. 1,085.

Ques. XXIV. What is the number of Sunday Schools?

Ans. 481.

Ques. XXV. What is the number of Sunday-school Teachers?

Ans. 4,657.

Ques. XXVI. What is the number of Sunday-school Scholars?

Ans. 28,962.

Ques. XXVII. What amount is necessary for the Superannuated Preachers, and the Widows and Orphans of Preachers?

Ans. \$6,896.

Ques. XXVIII. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Ans. \$5,598. (See report of Joint Board.)

Ques. XXIX. What has been contributed for Missions?

Ans. For Foreign, \$14,445.08; for Domestic, \$2,733.

Ques. XXX. What are the Educational Statistics?

Ans. Collected and paid to Randolph Macon College, \$1,360.

Ques. XXXI. Where shall the next Session of the Conference be held?

Ans. Salem, Roanoke County, Va.

Ques. XXXII. Where are the preachers stationed?

APPOINTMENTS.

The figures refer to the year of Appointment.

Baltimore District.		East Baltimore District.	
T. E. CARSON, P. E.	3	R. R. S. HOUGH, P. E.	3
<i>Baltimore:</i>		<i>Baltimore:</i>	
Central—C. M. Brown.	1	Trinity—J. W. Duffey.	3
J. N. Hank, Sup'y.		W. C. Maloy, Sup'y.	
St. Paul's—W. H. D. Harper.	3	Calvary—J. W. Shoaff.	3
J. N. Spangler, Sup'y.		N. Baltimore. } J. E. Wilson.	3
Emmanuel Miss.—D. M. James.	1	E. Baltimore. } F. J. Prettyman.	1
Frederick Ave.—P. B. Smith.	1	Taylor's Cir.—W. R. Stringer.	3
Reisterstown—W. G. Eggleston.	1	W. Harford Miss.—T. Briley.	1
Arlington—J. O. Knott	1	East Harford Cir.—O. F. Burgess.	1
Freedom Cir.—Thomas W. Brown.	3	Royal Oak Cir.—J. C. Thrasher.	1
One to be supplied.		Easton—L. W. Haslup.	1
Linganore Cir.—F. A. Strother.	2	Hillsboro Cir.—R. S. Cunningham.	1
Frederick City—J. N. McCormick.	1	Trappe—J. W. Grubb.	2
Rockville Cir.—B. W. Bond.	2	Kent—T. G. Nevitt.	3
H. P. Hamill.	2	Queen Anne's—W. H. Sanders.	2
A. R. Martin, Sup'y.		Church Hill and Stevens—	
Montgomery Cir.—J. H. Boyd.	2	W. K. Marshall.	3
One to be supplied.		W. T. Quinn, Sup'y.	
Bladensburg—J. W. Wolfe.	1	Severn—G. D. White.	2
W. P. C. Coe.	1	West River—S. B. Dolly.	1
Wesley Grove—W. A. McDonald.	2	One to be supplied.	
Laurel and Linden—J. M. Hawley.	1	Calvert—J. W. Steele.	1
Patuxent—F. H. Shipley.	2	One to be supplied.	
Upper Marlboro—C. L. Kennard.	1	Prince George's—J. J. Carden.	1
		W. B. Dolly.	1

Charles and St Mary's Miss —
 J. C. Sedwick. 1
 C. W. Mark. 1
 B. F. Ball, Sunday School Agent,
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 ference.

Washington District.

J. S. GARDNER, P. E. 4

Washington City:

Mt. Vernon Place—Samuel K. Cox. 3
 J. W. Boteler, Sup'y.
 Alexandria—J. A. Kern. 4
 Fall's Church—S. W. Haddaway. 1
 Fairfax Cir.—D. F. Eutsler. 3
 Dranesville Cir.—J. H. Dulany. 2
 Leesburg—S. Rodgers. 3
 Hamilton—J. T. Williams. 2
 Hillsboro Cir.—E. H. Henry. 3
 C. B. Sutton. 1
 Middleburg—C. L. Dameron. 1
 Loudoun Cir.—A. A. P. Neel. 2
 J. H. Light. 1
 Piedmont Cir.—J. H. Waugh. 2
 J. D. Martin. 1
 L. H. Crenshaw, Sup'y.
 Linden Cir.—Augustus Davisson. 1
 Warrenton—I. W. Canter. 3
 Fauquier Cir.—J. H. Wolff. 4
 Occoquan Cir.—J. C. Jones. 2
 Sudley Miss.—J. S. Porter. 2
 One to be supplied.
 Stafford Cir.—L. M. Lyle. 3
 One to be supplied.
 Fredericksburg—J. S. Hutchinson. 3
 W. K. Boyle, editor *Episcopal Meth-*
odist, member of Mt. Vernon Quar-
 terly Conference.

Winchester District.

P. H. WHISNER, P. E. 3

Winchester—J. S. Martin. 2
 Winchester Cir.—G. T. Tyler. 2
 Cedarville Cir.—O. C. Beall. 4
 Front Royal Cir.—H. W. Kinzer. 1
 Warren Cir.—G. O. Homan. 2
 Berryville Cir.—J. A. Anderson. 1
 One to be supplied.
 J. J. Engle, Sup'y.

Brucetown Cir.—F. A. Mercer. 1
 One to be supplied.
 Martinsburg—J. R. Andrew. 1
 Berkeley Cir.—Wm. O. Ross. 1
 Charlestown—J. L. Shipley. 3
 Frederick Miss.—J. W. Mitchell. 1
 E. F. Heterick, Sup'y.
 Jefferson—S. V. Hildebrand. 1
 Shepherdstown Cir.—
 J. E. Armstrong. 1
 Gainsboro Cir.—J. T. Maxwell. 2
 Page Miss.—To be supplied by
 G. W. Rubush.
 Strasburg Miss.—Wm. E. Woolf. 1
 Shenandoah Miss.—Andrew Robey. 1
 Woodstock and Edinburg—
 J. R. Vanhorne. 3
 Valley Female College—J. P. Hyde,
 President.
 W. P. Harrison, Book Editor, M. E.
 Church, South.

Rockingham District.

J. C. DICE, P. E. 2

Staunton—R. Smithson. 3
 Harrisonburg—L. C. Miller. 1
 Bridgewater—W. L. Lynch. 2
 B. W. Waters. 2
 Parnassas and Mt. Sidney—
 H. A. Gaver. 2
 G. R. Jefferson, Sup'y.
 Monterey—C. A. Joyce. 3
 J. H. Kuhlmann, 1
 Crab Bottom—J. H. Temple. 1
 Augusta—G. T. D. Collins. 1
 Staunton Cir.—Henry H. Brown. 1
 Bell's Valley—To be supplied by
 Charles L. Patten.
 Waynesboro'—A. M. Cackley. 1
 Port Republic Miss.—S. R. Snapp. 4
 New Hope Cir.—R. H. Wilson. 3
 Rockingham—R. M. Wheeler. 1
 East Rockingham Cir.—
 H. M. Strickler. 2
 Milnes—L. R. Jones. 2
 Furnace Miss.—C. G. Linthicum. 1
 Luray Cir.—A. Weller. 3
 Mount Jackson Mis.—J. S. Hopkins. 1
 New Market Miss.—R. M. Williams. 2
 Wesleyan Female Institute—
 W. A. Harris, President.

Roanoke District.

G. H. ZIMMERMAN, P. E.	3
Salem—L. R. Greene.	4
Roanoke—L. L. Lloyd.	4
Roanoke Cir.—B. S. Highley.	2
Lafayette—Robert Ross.	1
Christiansburg—N. Head.	1
Blacksburg—A. E. Bradenbaugh.	3
Newport—W. E. Miller.	2
New Castle Miss.—J. T. Smith.	1
Catawba Miss.—W. W. Hedrick.	1
Fincastle—F. M. Strother.	1
Amsterdam Miss.—W. W. Watts.	2
Upper Botetort—H. S. Coe.	1
Mount Bethel—To be supplied by F. J. Surface.	
James River Cir.—A. C. McNeer.	1
Lexington—W. A. Wade.	
A. P. Boude, Sup'y.	
Lexington Cir.—V. W. Wheeler.	1
Fairfield Miss.—C. L. Torreyson.	
Collierstown—F. Furr.	2

Lewisburg District.

D. BUSH, P. E.	2
Lewisburg—Collins Denny.	1
P. S. E. Sixeas, Sup'y.	
Frankford Cir.—L. H. Graybill.	2
One to be supplied.	
Blue Sulphur—J. L. Henderson.	2
Centreville Cir.—A. Q. Flaherty.	2
Hinton—D. L. Reid.	3
Talcott—J. K. Gilbert.	1
Union—J. L. Kibler.	3
Hillsdale Miss.—J. Miller.	2
Alderson and Ronceverte— W. H. Woolf.	1
White Sulphur Miss.—S. S. Troy.	1
Covington—W. N. Wagner.	1
Alvon Miss.—J. W. Canter.	2
Levelton—S. Townsend.	2

Huntersville—E. Y. Ginn.	1
Edray Miss.—To be supplied.	
Highland—L. R. Markwood.	2
Healing Springs Miss.— To be supplied. A. Boon, Sup'y.	
Greenbank—L. Fox.	3
Warm Springs Miss.—H. D. Bishop.	1
Woodland and Hebron Miss.— To be supplied.	

Moorefield District.

W. G. HAMMOND, P. E.	3
Moorefield—S. G. Ferguson.	4
J. Beaty, Sup'y.	
Petersburg Cir.—J. O. Tackett.	2
Franklin Cir.—C. E. Simmons.	1
Circleville—To be supplied.	
Allegheny Miss.—To be supplied by H. D. Auville.	
Keyser Cir.—J. H. Davidson.	2
North Branch Miss.—H. M. Roane.	1
Piedmont—J. F. Baggs.	3
Frostburg Miss.—L. G. Martin.	1
Listonburg Cir.—W. B. Dorsey.	1
Cumberland—J. Landstreet.	1
Rainsburg and Flintstone Cir.— J. Trezise.	1
South Branch Cir.— Wesley Hammond	3
One to be supplied.	
Springfield Cir.—L. Butt.	3
Hardy—F. T. Griffith.	1
Morgan Miss.—A. B. Blue.	1
Wardensville Miss.— J. J. Crickenberger.	1
W. Hedges, Sup'y.	
Capon Bridge Cir.—R. Smith.	2
A. O. Armstrong, transferred to Southwest Missouri Conference, and stationed at Waverly.	

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SESSION, MARCH 12-19, 1884.

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<i>Baltimore District</i>	B. W. Bond.....	J. A. Clarkson.
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<i>Washington</i>	J. H. Waugh.....	J. B. Wilson.
<i>Winchester</i>	W. G. Eggleston.....	G. T. Lickliter.
<i>Rockingham</i>	J. R. Van Horne.....	J. P. Houck, <i>Sec'y.</i>
<i>Roanoke</i>	L. C. Miller.....	J. H. H. Figgatt.
<i>Lewisburg</i>	L. H. Grabill.....	George Law.
<i>Moorefield</i>	C. A. Joyce	A. B. Pugh.

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L. L. Lloyd, A. O. Armstrong, W. E. Woolf.
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Sunday School Board.*Clerical.**Lay.*

<i>Baltimore District</i>	C. M. Brown.....	C. F. Diggs.
<i>E. Baltimore</i>	J. W. Shoaff.....	T. J. Magruder.
<i>Washington</i>	A. A. P. Neel.....	H. M. Woolf.
<i>Winchester</i>	J. A. Anderson	J. Snyder.
<i>Rockingham</i>	H. W. Kinzer.....	E. S. Conrad.
<i>Roanoke</i>	W. W. Watts.....	T. T. Fishburne.
<i>Lewisburg</i>	J. L. Kibler	J. J. Hobbs.
<i>Moorefield</i>	L. Butt.....	Henry Homan.

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Moorefield District—Rev. J. F. Baggs.

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 W. L. Lynch, W. W. Watts, S. Townsend, R. Smith.
Lay—R. J. Baker, M. Lloyd, W. H. May, G. A. Brown, Jonathan Coiner,
 John W. Woods, F. Hereford, J. Liston.

Committee on Temperance.

- Clerical*—R. Smithson, S. G. Ferguson, J. W. Grubb.
Lay—S. G. Donohoe, H. M. Woolf.

Committee on Memoirs.

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| W. H. D. Harper, | N. Head, | S. W. Haddaway, | W. A. Wade, |
| J. E. Armstrong, | L. R. Greene, | A. O. Armstrong, | W. E. Woolf. |

District Conference Records.

Thos. W. Brown, W. K. Marshall, J. H. Davidson, C. A. Joyce,
H. D. Bishop, J. L. Kibler, J. H. Dulany.

On Publication of Minutes.

J. S. Martin, J. E. Armstrong, J. W. Shoaff.

To Canvass for Conference Minutes.

F. A. Strother.

To Distribute Letters.

J. R. Andrew.

To Distribute Railroad Tickets.

J. P. Hyde.

Bible Cause.

F. A. Mercer.

J. T. Williams.

Public Worship.

Presiding Elders of Baltimore and East Baltimore Districts, and preachers in charge in Baltimore.

Committee on Centennial of Organization of Methodism in America,

Composed, as already appointed, under the direction of the General Committee at Nashville, viz: the Presiding Elders, and one clerical and one lay member from each district, and to which were added members of the General Committee of this Conference, as follows:

	<i>Clerical.</i>		<i>Lay.</i>
	S. Rodgers.*	S. K. Cox.*	
<i>Baltimore District</i> —	T. E. Carson,	W. H. D. Harper,	E. B. Prettyman.
<i>E. Baltimore</i> “	R. R. S. Hough,	N. Head,	T. J. Magruder.
<i>Washington</i> “	J. S. Gardner,	W. K. Boyle,	G. R. Head.
<i>Winchester</i> “	P. H. Whisner,	W. G. Eggleston,	R. McCoy.
<i>Rockingham</i> “	J. C. Dice,	R. Smithson,	J. W. F. Allemong.
<i>Roanoke</i> “	G. H. Zimmerman,	W. O. Ross,	J. Chalmers.
<i>Lewisburg</i> “	D. Bush,	A. O. Armstrong,	F. Hereford.
<i>Moorefield</i> “	W. G. Hammond,	R. Smith,	P. Hamill.

*Members of General Committee, released after Saturday, 13th March.

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For admission on trial:

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1st Year—W. Hammond,	L. R. Jones,	L. C. Miller.
2d Year—W. A. Wade,	J. A. Kern,	J. W. Duffey.
3d Year—N. Head,	J. A. Anderson,	A. O. Armstrong.
4th Year—S. K. Cox,	W. H. D. Harper,	J. W. Shoaff.

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Winchester District—W. L. Noland.
Rockingham District—Rev. S. R. Snapp.
Roanoke District—S. Ramsey.
Lewisburg District—Rev. J. L. Kibler, J. J. Hobbs.
Moorefield District—Rev. J. F. Baggs.

Joint Board of Finance.*Clerical.**Lay.*

<i>Baltimore District</i>	—B. W. Bond.....	J. A. Clarkson.
<i>E. Baltimore</i>	" T. G. Nevitt.....	T. J. Magruder, <i>Treas.</i>
<i>Washington</i>	" J. H. Waugh, <i>Pres't.</i>	J. B. Wilson.
<i>Winchester</i>	" J. R. Van Horne.....	G. T. Licklider.
<i>Rockingham</i>	" W. L. Lynch... ..	J. P. Houck, <i>Sec'y.</i>
<i>Roanoke</i>	" W. A. Wade.....	J. H. H. Figgatt.
<i>Lewisburg</i>	" L. H. Graybill.....	G. Law.
<i>Moorefield</i>	" J. Landstreet.....	H. S. Carr.

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East Baltimore District—J. W. Duffey.
Washington District—S. W. Haddaway.
Winchester District—H. W. Kinzer.
Rockingham District—L. C. Miller.
Roanoke District—L. R. Greene.
Lewisburg District—J. L. Kibler.
Moorefield District—S. G. Ferguson.

Sunday School Board.*Clerical.**Lay.*

<i>Baltimore District</i>	—C. M. Brown.....	C. F. Diggs, <i>Treas.</i>
<i>E. Baltimore</i>	" B. F. Ball.....	T. J. Magruder, <i>Pres't.</i>
<i>Washington</i>	" A. A. P. Neel, <i>Sec'y.</i>	H. M. Woolf.
<i>Winchester</i>	" J. A. Anderson.....	J. Snyder.
<i>Rockingham</i>	" H. M. Strickler.....	E. S. Conrad.
<i>Roanoke</i>	" W. W. Watts.....	J. Chalmers.
<i>Lewisburg</i>	" W. H. Woolf.....	J. J. Hobbs.
<i>Moorefield</i>	" L. G. Martin.....	A. B. Pugh.

Board of Education.*Clerical.**Lay.*

<i>Baltimore District</i> —	W. G. Eggleston.....	E. B. Prettyman.
<i>E. Baltimore</i> “	J. W. Shoaff.....	M. Lloyd.
<i>Washington</i> “	J. A. Kern.....	J. B. Wilson
<i>Winchester</i> “	J. A. Anderson.....	J. H. Graybill.
<i>Rockingham</i> “	R. Smithson.....	J. O. Hobbs.
<i>Roanoke</i> “	N. Head.....	W. W. Ballard.
<i>Lewisburg</i> “	C. Denny.....	F. Hereford.
<i>Moorefield</i> “	J. H. Davidson.....	J. W. Vandiver.

Visitors to Literary Institutions.*Randolph Macon College:*

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W. H. D. Harper,

J. W. Duffey.

Wesleyan Female Institute:

W. L. Lynch,

L. C. Miller,

C. Denny.

Valley Female College:

G. T. Tyler,

S. G. Ferguson,

H. W. Kinzer.

Montgomery Female College:

N. Head,

A. E. Bradenbaugh,

F. M. Strother.

Johnson Female College:

L. H. Graybill,

W. N. Wagner,

W. H. Woolf.

The first Friday in May was appointed as a day of fasting and prayer to the Great Head of the Church, that “*He send forth more laborers into His vineyard.*”

Extracts from Journal of Daily Proceedings.

FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY, March 12, 1884.

THE BALTIMORE ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, commenced its ONE-HUNDREDTH Session in Calvary Church, Baltimore, Maryland, Wednesday morning, March 12, 1884, at 9 o'clock.

REV. BISHOP ALPHEUS W. WILSON, D. D., *President of the Conference*, in the chair.

Religious service was conducted by the Bishop—reading from the Scriptures, Psalm cx., also Acts iv. Hymn 247 was sung—
"Hark! how the Watchmen cry."

The Bishop led the Conference in prayer.

Hymn 656 was sung—

"Am I a soldier of the Cross."

The Conference was led in prayer by John S. Martin.

By request of the President, the Secretary of the last Conference called the Roll of Clerical Members, and 119 answered to their names. (See Conference roll.)

The Lay Representatives were reported from the several Presiding Elders' Districts. (See roll.)

On motion, John S. Martin was re-elected Secretary, with permission to choose his Assistants.

The following were again chosen Assistant Secretaries—the same as last year: James E. Armstrong, George T. Tyler, Asbury R. Martin, Beverly W. Bond.

The Bar of Conference was fixed on a line extending across the house from the rear of the second window.

Conference determined to meet in daily session at 9½ o'clock, A. M., and to adjourn at 1 o'clock, P. M.

Changes were made in the Committees of Examination as follows:

L. H. Graybill, on the Committee for "Examining Candidates for *Admission on Trial*," in place of J. R. Van Horne.

L. C. Miller on the Committee for "*First Year*," in place of C. L. Dameron.

J. A. Anderson, in place of J. J. Engle, on the Committee of the "*Third Year*."

J. W. Shoaff, in place of A. P. Boude, on the Committee of the "*Fourth Year.*"

On motion, it was ordered that the Committee on Conference Relations should be re-appointed, same as last year, except where vacancies should be filled.

On this Committee, A. Q. Flaherty was appointed in place of E. G. Vandiver, and Robert Ross in place of C. L. Dameron.

W. R. Stringer was released from the Joint Board of Finance.

Standing Committees were appointed. (See List.)

On the **Board of Education** the following changes were made: J. O. Hobbs was appointed for M. L. Walton; L. R. Jones, for A. P. Boude; J. A. Kern, for N. Head; L. L. Lloyd, for W. O. Ross; John H. Graybill, for W. S. Cline; G. Law, for J. J. Hobbs; W. B. Hill, for J. D. Bernard.

Changes were made in the **Sunday School Board**, as follows: H. M. Woolfe was appointed for W. H. May; J. Snyder, for R. McCoy; J. T. Fishburne, for J. Chalmers; E. S. Conrad, for C. T. Eakle; H. Homan, for R. Washington.

Question Seventeenth was called, viz: *Who are Supernumerary?* The characters of the following were examined and passed, viz: George R. Jefferson, Joseph N. Spangler, J. Newman Hank, Asbury R. Martin, James Beatty, Edward F. Heterick, Joseph J. Engle, Larkin H. Crenshaw, Philip S. E. Sixeas, William T. Quinn, John W. Boteler, Adam P. Boude and William Hedges, and their applications for the Supernumerary relation were severally referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Question Eighteenth was called, viz: *Who are Superannuated?* The characters of the following were examined and passed, viz: Samuel Kepler, Alfred A. Eskridge, Francis M. Mills, David Thomas, Thomas Hildebrand, George Stevenson, Henry Hoffman, James H. March, Francis H. Richey, William H. Wilson, John W. Tongue, Joshua M. Grandin, Gilson Mauzy, John W. Ewan, Ephraim L. Kregelo, Maybury G. Balthis, George W. Lightner, William C. Maloy, and their applications for the Superannuated relation were severally referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Rev. Dr. Young, Secretary of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

On motion, Saturday morning, 10 o'clock, was set apart as Missionary Day.

Rev. Dr. Morton, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

Papers relating to Church Extension and to Publishing interests, were presented, and referred to the Committees on those subjects.

Rev. J. McKendree Reiley, D. D., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced.

On motion, John S. Martin was requested to embrace in the Sermon he was appointed to deliver on the "**ONE HUNDREDTH SESSION OF THIS CONFERENCE,**" also the Centenary of the Organization of Methodism in America.

On motion resolved, That the Sermon be delivered to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock.

Question Twentieth of the General Minutes was called, viz: *Are all the preachers blameless in life and official administration?*

The Presiding Elders of the several Districts were called.

Thomas E. Carson, Presiding Elder of the Baltimore District, represented the condition of the District.

The character of Thomas E. Carson was examined and passed.

Robert R. S. Hough, Presiding Elder of East Baltimore District, represented the condition of the District.

The character of Robert R. S. Hough was examined and passed.

James S. Gardner, Presiding Elder of the Washington District, represented the condition of the District.

The character of James S. Gardner was examined and passed.

Peter H. Whisner, Presiding Elder of the Winchester District, represented the condition of the District.

The character of Peter H. Whisner was examined and passed.

Conference adjourned with singing the Doxology, and with the Benediction by the Bishop, to meet to-morrow morning, at 9½ o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, March 13, 1884.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Bishop Wilson in the chair.

Religious service was conducted by A. A. P. Neel.

The roll was called, and twelve additional clerical members, to those of yesterday, answered to their names.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

A communication from the Woman's Temperance Union was presented and read, and, on motion, it was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

The Report of the Visitors to Montgomery Female College was presented, and, on motion, it was referred to the Committee on Education.

Question Twentieth of the General Minutes was called, "*Are all the preachers blameless in life and official administration?*"?

John C. Dice, Presiding Elder of the Rockingham District, represented the condition of the District.

The character of John C. Dice was examined and passed.

George H. Zimmerman, Presiding Elder of the Roanoke District, represented the condition of the District.

The character of George H. Zimmerman was examined and passed.

David Bush, Presiding Elder of Lewisburg District, represented the condition of the District.

The character of David Bush was examined and passed.

William G. Hammond, Presiding Elder of the Moorefield District, represented the condition of the District.

The character of William G. Hammond was examined and passed.

Question Seventh of the General Minutes was called, viz: "*Who are the Deacons of one year*"?

The characters of Basil W. Waters, James Edgar Wilson, John Miller, John W. Mitchell, Simpson V. Hildebrand, were examined and passed; and having also passed severally in examination before the Committee on the Course of Study, they were advanced to the class of the Fourth year.

Question Fourth: "*Who are admitted into full connection?*" The character of Henry A. Brown was examined and passed, but as he was not before the Committee on the Course of Study, he was continued under Question Fourth, same as last year.

Centennial Service.

Eleven o'clock having arrived, the Conference proceeded to the order of the day, viz, the Centennial service.

Hymn 245 was sung—

"Jesus the conqueror reigns."

Rev. Samuel Rodgers led the Conference and congregation assembled, in prayer.

Hymn 433 was sung—

"Jesus lover of my soul."

And in accordance with resolutions passed at the session of last year, and also on yesterday, Rev. John S. Martin preached the sermon on the *One Hundredth Session* of the Baltimore Annual Conference, and also the *Centennial* of the organization of *Methodism in America*.

Verses 4 and 5 of Hymn 716 were sung—

"Our old companions in distress."

And Conference adjourned, with the benediction by John S. Martin, to meet to-morrow at 9½ o'clock

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, March 14, 1884.

Conference met at the appointed hour.

Bishop Wilson in the chair.

Religious service was conducted by J. A. Kern.

The further call of the roll was, on motion, dispensed with.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Report on Centenary.

The following report was presented, read, and, on motion, adopted: The Committee on Centenary Matters met in the Sunday School room at 5 o'clock, P. M., Rev. S. Rodgers in the chair. Rev. E. B. Prettyman was elected Secretary. Present, Rev. S. Rodgers, Rev. J. S. Gardner, Rev. R. R. S. Hough, Rev. J. C. Dice, Rev. W. G. Hammond, Rev. R. Smithson, Rev. W. G. Eggleston, Rev. G. H. Zimmerman, Rev. E. B. Prettyman, T. J. Magruder, Esq.

On motion, Resolved, That a Public Centenary Meeting be held Monday next, 17th inst., at 8 o'clock, P. M., in St. Paul's Church.

On motion, a Sub-Committee was elected to make arrangements for said Centenary Meeting, viz: T. J. Magruder, S. Rodgers, E. B. Prettyman.

The Sub-Committee made the following arrangements, viz: Rev. R. A. Young, D. D., and Rev. John S. Martin, D. D., were selected as speakers, and T. J. Magruder, Esq., was requested to lead the singing.

(Signed,)

S. RODGERS,
Chairman.

E. B. PRETTYMAN,
Secretary.

The **First Question** of the General Minutes was called, viz: *Who are admitted on trial?*

Recommendations from Quarterly Conferences were presented and read. of: Forest Johnson Prettyman, from Rockville Circuit Quarterly Conference Baltimore District.

Clarence Lamartine Kennard, from Upper Marlboro Circuit Quarterly Conference, Baltimore District.

John Olin Knott, from Berryville Circuit Quarterly Conference, Winchester District.

Hamilton M. Roane, from South Branch Circuit Quarterly Conference, Moorefield District.

William Lee Dolly, from Bedford Springs Circuit Quarterly Conference Lynchburg District, Virginia Conference.

John Hiram Light, from Ashland Circuit Quarterly Conference, Randolph Macon District, Virginia Conference.

And the Brethren above recommended, having passed an approved examination before the Committee on the Course of Study, they were severally admitted on trial.

Question Eighth of the General Minutes was called, viz: *Who are elected Deacons?* And Samuel S. Troy, David L. Reid and Frank T. Griffith, having passed in examination of character, and also before the Committee on the Course of Study, they were severally elected Deacons.

Question Second of the General Minutes was called, viz: *Who remain on trial?* The characters of Charles W. Mark, Charles B. Sutton, were examined and passed, but as they did not pass in examination before the Committee on the Course of Study, they were continued under Question Second, same as last year.

Question Tenth of the General Minutes was called, viz: *What local preachers are elected deacons?* Recommendations of the following brethren were presented and read, viz:

John A. Brumbaugh, from Roanoke Station Quarterly Conference, Roanoke District.

William H. Shuff, from Salem Station Quarterly Conference, Roanoke District.

John Waugh, from Edray Mission Quarterly Conference, Lewisburg District.

On motion, the brethren recommended as above were severally elected deacons.

Question Twelfth of the General Minutes was called, viz: *What traveling preachers are elected elders?* And Collins Denny, John Calvin Thrasher, Walker P. Conway Coe and Alexander B. Blue, having passed in examination of character, and also before the Committee on the Course of Study, they were, on motion, elected elders.

Question Fourteenth of the General Minutes was called, viz: *What local preachers are elected elders?* Ans. None.

Question Second of the General Minutes was called, viz: *Who remain on trial?* And John Newton McCormick, Jefferson Davis Martin, Edward C. Ginn, D. Melancthon James, John Tresize and George D. White, having passed in examination of character, and also before the Committee on the Course of Study, they were, on motion, severally continued on trial.

Report No. 1, of the Committee on Conference Relations was presented and read, as follows:

The Committee on Conference Relations beg leave to report that we recommend that the Supernumerary relation be granted to the following brethren, viz: Joseph N. Spangler, J. Newman Hank, Asbury R. Martin, Edward F. Heterick, Larkin H. Crenshaw, John W. Boteler, William T. Quinn, Joseph J. Engle, Adam P. Boude, James Beatty, William Hedges.

We also recommend that a superannuated relation be granted to the following brethren, viz: Samuel Kepler, Alfred A. Eskridge, Henry Hoffman, George Stevenson, John W. Tongue, Francis M. Mills, Francis H. Richey, John W.

Ewan, James H. March, Thomas Hildebrand, David Thomas, Joshua M. Grandin, Maybury G. Balthis, William H. Wilson, Ephraim L. Kregelo, George W. Lightner.

(Signed,)

S. RODGERS,
Chairman.

Question Seventeenth of the General Minutes was called, viz: *Who are supernumerary?* And Joseph N. Spangler, J. Newman Hank, Asbury R. Martin, Larkin H. Crenshaw, William T. Quinn, John W. Boteler, William Hedges, Joseph J. Engle, James Beatty, Edward F. Heterick, Adam P. Boude, having been recommended by the Committee on Conference Relations, they were, on motion, severally granted a supernumerary relation.

Conference adjourned with singing the Doxology, and with the Benediction by W. G. Eggleston, to meet to-morrow morning, at 9½ o'clock.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, March 15, 1884.

Conference met at the appointed hour.

Bishop Wilson in the chair.

Religious service was conducted by G. T. Tyler.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

On motion, Resolved, That the Committee appointed on the Centennial of Methodist Organization be discharged, and that the Committee appointed under the direction of the Central Committee at Nashville, be authorized to act as the Committee for the Conference.

On, motion, E. B. Prettyman was granted leave of absence after this morning.

Question Eighteenth of the General Minutes was called, viz: *Who are Superannuated?* And Samuel Kepler, Alfred A. Eskridge, George Stevenson, John W. Tongue, Francis H. Richey, James H. March, Francis M. Mills, John W. Ewan, Thomas Hildebrand, David Thomas, Joshua M. Grandin, Wm. H. Wilson, George W. Lightner, Ephraim L. Kregelo, Maybury G. Balthis, having been recommended by the Committee on Conference Relations, they were, on motion, severally granted a Superannuated relation.

Question Sixteenth was called, viz: *Who are located?* William M. Hiner and Ritchie J. Briggs were granted locations, at their own request.

Question Seventeenth was called, viz: *Who are Supernumerary?* The application of Aaron Boone for a Supernumerary was presented, and, on motion, it was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Visitors.—The following were introduced to the Conference: Rev. Brother Bain, of Virginia Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South; Rev. Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, Editor of the Christian Advocate, at Nashville; Rev. Brother McElfresh, of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. Brother Peyton Brown, of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. Brother Bird, of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. Brother Nash, of the Baptist Church.

Question Fourth was called, viz: *Who are admitted into full connection?* And James M. Hawley, Samuel S. Troy, Augustus Davisson, David Leroy Reid, John O. Tackett, Frank T. Griffith, having passed in examination of character, also, an approved examination before the Committee on the Course of Study, and having passed in examination by the Bishop, as prescribed by the discipline, before the Conference, they were, on motion, severally admitted into full connection.

Missionary Day.

Ten o'clock, A. M. having arrived, the hour ordered for Missionary Day, also, the Anniversary of the Baltimore Conference Missionary Society, Rev. Dr. Young, Missionary Secretary, addressed the Conference.

Collections and subscriptions were then received for Missions amounting to \$730.

Rev. J. S. Gardner, by request of the Bishop, took the chair.

Chas. Shipley, Treasurer of the Conference Missionary Society, read his report.

Bishop Wilson took the chair.

Thomas E. Carson, Secretary of the Conference Missionary Society, read his report.

Conference adjourned with singing the Doxology, and with the Benediction by the Bishop, to meet Monday morning, at 9½ o'clock.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, March 17, 1884.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Bishop Wilson in the chair.

Religious service was conducted by B. W. Bond.

The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

The **First Question** of the General Minutes was called, viz: *Who are admitted on trial?* And John Henry Kuhlman, having been recommended by the Hamilton Circuit Quarterly Conference, Washington District, and having also passed an approved examination before the Committee on the Course of Study, he was, on motion, admitted on trial.

Visitors.—Rev. Brother George W. Cooper, of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. Brother E. L. Amos, of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. Brother Charles D. Smith, of the Methodist Episcopal Church; were severally introduced.

Question Ninth of the General Minutes was called, viz: *What traveling preachers are ordained Deacons?* The Bishop handed to the Secretary his certificate, duly signed, and which was read: "that on Sunday March 16, after sermon in Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church, South, he ordained Samuel S. Troy, David L. Reid, Frank T. Griffith, Deacons."

Question Eleventh.—*What local preachers are ordained Deacons?* The Bishop handed to the Secretary his certificate, duly signed, which was read: "that on Sunday morning, March 16, in Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church, South, he ordained John A. Brumbaugh and John Waugh, Deacons."

Question Thirteenth was called, viz: *What traveling preachers are ordained Elders?* The Bishop handed to the Secretary his certificate, duly signed, which was read: that on Sunday evening, March 16, after evening sermon, in Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, South, he ordained Collins Denny, John C. Thrasher, Walker P. C. Coe, Alexander B. Blue, Elders.

Rev. W. H. Wilson.

The following was presented, read, and, on motion, adopted: Whereas, we have heard, with regret, of the illness of our Dear Brother Rev. Wm. H. Wilson, therefore, resolved, that we hereby express our earnest sympathy with our brother in his affliction, and pray that he may have the consolations of our holy religion, and be sustained by the grace of God.

(Signed,)

WM. K. BOYLE,

S. RODGERS,

J. S. GARDNER.

The **Twentieth Question** of the General Minutes was called, viz: *Are all the preachers blameless in life and official administration?* The characters of preachers embraced in Baltimore, East Baltimore, Washington, Winchester, Rockingham and Roanoke Districts, were severally examined and passed. (See list of Elders.)

The character of Shannon F. Butt was examined and passed, and in accordance with his presentation, through the Presiding Elder, of his withdrawal from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, it was ordered that his name be entered withdrawn.

The character of J. Asbury Regester was examined and passed, and in accordance with his presentation, through his Presiding Elder, of his withdrawal from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, it was ordered that his name be entered withdrawn.

Conference adjourned with singing the Doxology, and with the Benediction by Bishop Wilson, to meet to-morrow morning, at 9½ o'clock.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY MORNING, March 18, 1884.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Bishop Wilson in the chair.

Religious service was conducted by W. L. Lynch.

The Journal of yesterday morning was read and approved.

The Report of the Joint Board of Finance No. 1, was presented and read, and, on motion, it was adopted. (See Report.)

Question Seventeenth was called, viz: *Who are supernumerary?* In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, on motion, supernumerary relations were granted to George R. Jefferson, Wm. C. Maloy, Aaron Boon and P. S. E. Sixeas.

Question Eighteenth was called, viz: *Who are superannuated?* And, in accordance with Report of the Committee on Conference Relations, a superannuated relation was granted to Gilson Mauzy.

The Report of the Sunday School Board was presented and read. On motion, the report was amended by striking out the section providing for District Sunday School Conventions apart from District Conferences.

The further consideration of the report was postponed in view of the hour for memorial service.

Rev. E. G. VANDIVER.

The **Nineteenth Question** of the General Minutes was called, viz: *What preachers have died during the past year?* The Committee on Memoirs presented the memoir of Rev. Edward G. Vandiver, which was read.

Tributes of affection and testimony to the excellence of brother Vandiver were offered by brothers J. S. Hutchinson, A. O. Armstrong, P. B. Smith, J. L. Kibler and L. R. Markwood—and, on motion, the memoir was adopted. (See Memoirs.)

Conference adjourned with singing the Doxology and with the Benediction by J. H. March, to meet to morrow morning at 9½ o'clock.

SEVENTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, March 19, 1884.

Conference met at the appointed hour.

Bishop Wilson in the chair.

Religious service was conducted by S. K. Cox.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The Report of the Sunday School Board, which was under consideration yesterday, was taken up.

The question being on the amendment to strike out section 3, in relation to holding Sunday School Institutes.

The vote on the amendment did not prevail to strike out, and, on motion, the report as previously amended, was adopted.

The Report on Education was presented, read, and, on motion, it was adopted.

The Report of the Board of Church Extension was presented, read, and, on motion, it was adopted.

The Report of the Treasurer of Board of Church Extension was presented and read.

The Report of the Committee on Publishing Interests was presented and read.

Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald, D. D., addressed the Conference in relation to the *Christian Advocate*, and also the condition of the publishing house at Nashville.

On motion, the Report on Publishing Interests was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Temperance was presented and read, and, on motion, it was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on District Conference Records was presented and read, and, on motion, it was adopted.

Conference ordered that the Board of Missions of the last year shall constitute the Board for the present year.

Questions Twenty-one, Twenty-two, Twenty-three, Twenty-four, Twenty-five, Twenty-six, Twenty-seven, Twenty eight, Twenty-nine, Thirty, of the General Minutes, were called. (See General Minutes.)

District Conferences.

On motion—

Resolved, That in addition to those already members of our District Conferences, as presented in the discipline, and by the action of this Conference, one Superintendent of Sunday School from each pastoral charge shall be a member of the District Conference, the same to be chosen by the Quarterly Conference of the charge.

(Signed,)

JOHN S. MARTIN,
P. H. WHISNER,
J. S. GARDNER,
R. SMITHSON,

W. H. D. HARPER,
T. E. CARSON,
J. C. DICE,
S. K. COX.

Report No. 2 of the Joint Board of Finance was presented and read.

On motion, the report was amended by inserting \$1,200 for Bishop's Fund instead of \$1,350, and the report as amended was adopted.

Centenary.

The following paper was presented, read and adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the signal favor which God has shown to the Methodist Church in America, during the century that has elapsed since the period of

its organic birth in this city, in December, 1784, calls for devout gratitude and rejoicing.

2. That an event so important in itself, and so fruitful in blessed results to the Church of Christ, and the cause of vital piety, may well claim some suitable commemoration at our hands, and that we heartily endorse the action of our last General Conference, and of the Centenary Committee appointed under its authority, looking to that end; that such an observance is pre-eminently appropriate in our own Conference, which, with this session, celebrates the one hundredth year of its ecclesiastical history.

3. That we deem this centenary year a fitting time in which to emphasize the distinctive tenets of our faith, and to awaken new interest in those primitive usages of Methodism, which, with its doctrines, contributed so largely, under God, to its wonderful success, and that we urge upon our ministry and membership united and earnest prayer, for an extraordinary outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all our churches, that the year may be made memorable in our annals for the ingathering of precious souls.

4. That concurring in the recommendation of the General Conference, and of the Centenary Committee, we endeavor as a church to raise during this year the sum of *two million of dollars*, to be appropriated to *Missionary, Education and Church Extension* purposes. We will spare no effort to secure, as a Conference, our proportion of that amount.

5. That we heartily endorse, and will endeavor to carry out, the recommendations of our Conference Committee reported to this body.

S. K. COX,
S. RODGERS,
W. H. D. HARPER,
N. HEAD.

Randolph Macon College.

On motion—

Resolved, That the amounts raised during the past year within the bounds of this Conference, for buildings at Randolph Macon College, be reported to the Secretary, and incorporated in the Minutes.

J. C. DICE,
P. H. WHISNER.

On motion—

Resolved, That the President of Randolph Macon College be requested to furnish, for publication in the minutes, the total amount of fees remitted to students within the bounds of the Baltimore Annual Conference.

J. H. H. FIGGATT,
J. H. GRAYBILL,
J. H. HAMILL.

Centennial Sermon.

The following resolution was presented, read and adopted:

Resolved, That this Conference solicit, at the hands of Rev. Dr. John S. Martin, a copy of his admirable sermon on the Centenary of our Conference, for publication in the Minutes.

SAM'L K. COX,
RUMSEY SMITHSON,
W. H. D. HARPER.

On motion—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the good people of Baltimore, for the generous and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the members of this body, and to the different railroad companies that have passed delegates and visitors to the Conference over their lines at half fare.

On motion—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered to Rev. John P. Hyde, for the prompt and obliging manner in which he has attended to the duty of issuing railroad tickets to the members of this body.

A collection for printing, stationery, express charges, &c., was taken up, amounting to \$23.75.

A collection for the sexton was taken up, amounting to \$32.

Day of Fasting and Prayer.

The first Friday in May was appointed as a day of fasting and prayer to the Great Head of the Church, that He send forth more laborers into His vineyard.

The members of the Joint Board of Finance, Committee on Memoirs, Sunday School Board, Board of Education and Visitors to Literary Institutions, were announced by the President.

On motion, Conference determined to continue the session until the appointments should be announced by the Bishop.

Centennial of Methodist Organization.

The Report of the Centennial of the Organization of American Methodism was presented and read, and, on motion, it was adopted.

The **Thirty-first Question** of the General Minutes was called: *Where shall the next Session of the Conference be held?* Salem, Roanoke county, was nominated, and the Conference concurred in the nomination by a unanimous vote.

The Journal of this day's session was read and approved.

The Conference was led in prayer by Rev. Wm. G. Eggleston.

The Bishop addressed the Conference.

The **Thirty-second Question** of the General Minutes was called, viz *Where are the Preachers stationed this year?*—and answered by the Bishop reading the appointments. (See appointments.)

Conference adjourned with singing the Doxology, and with the Benediction by the Bishop, to meet next session in Salem, Roanoke county, Virginia, time to be fixed by the Bishops.

REPORTS.

I.

MEMOIRS.

Rev. E. G. VANDIVER.

Edward Goheen Vandiver was born in Mineral County, W. Va., September 6, 1852. He was converted in August, 1870, at a camp meeting held near Burlington, W. Va., and connected himself at once with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; soon afterwards he entered Randolph Macon College, and continued his studies in that institution for the period of three years, that he might as far as possible prepare himself for the work to which he believed God had called him—the ministry of the Word.

In the spring of 1876, he was admitted on trial into the Baltimore Conference, at its session in Winchester, Va. At the same Conference, he was ordained deacon by Bishop Marvin, having been a local preacher for four consecutive years. His first appointment was to South Branch Circuit. In 1877, he was again appointed to South Branch.

In 1878-9, he was preacher in charge of Flint Stone Circuit. In 1880-1, he was appointed to Springfield Circuit. In 1882-3, he was stationed at Lewisburg, where his life terminated September 3, 1883.

He was married May, 1877, to Miss Kate Ellis, of Ashland, Va. He was a man of great purity of life, and was unselfish and generous to an unusual degree. He was strikingly zealous in the great work to which he had been called, and bore upon his heart the souls to whom he ministered, feeling intensely desirous at all times that they should become possessors of the riches of grace in Christ Jesus our Lord.

He was an earnest and faithful preacher, emphasizing the truths bearing upon the conversion of sinners, and the edification of believers, on every occasion. He was particularly careful to call attention very frequently to the doctrine of christian perfection, and urge upon his congregations the great importance of seeking earnestly to attain it. His ministry was blessed of God wherever he labored, and many persons were brought to Christ in every charge he served. He was cut down in the midst of his years and usefulness, but death found him upon his guard. From the very beginning of his illness, although it was not especially severe for the first two weeks of its duration, he entertained but little hope of recovery. He was, however, calm and perfectly resigned to the will of God. To one of the preachers who was with him during the last weeks of his sickness, he said in the very last conversation he had with him upon the subject of the final result of his illness, "For, to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

In pursuance of the order of the Conference, the Committee report the following tributes of respect to the memory of two of our most eminent laymen:

MOSES WALTON.

We enter, with a painful sense of loss, among our memorial notices this year, the name of Moses Walton, one of our most honored and useful laymen.

For more than thirty years, the church in the valley of Virginia relied upon him for legal advice and assistance as it did not upon any other man. To him much credit is due for saving our publishing house from the unhappy condition in which it was found by the General Conference of 1878.

Brother Walton was liberally endowed by nature with a broad mind and a generous soul. Under the power of divine grace, these had been sanctified and devoted to the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom, eminently qualifying him to discharge the responsible duties imposed upon him by the church of his choice.

Whether in public or private life, he was the same conscientious gentleman, filling every position of trust with credit to himself and profit to the church.

WALKER PEYTON CONWAY.

Walker Peyton Conway, a prominent and useful member of the church, who departed this life during the present Conference year, deserved to have his name embalmed in affectionate remembrance by this body, and to be recorded in the Minutes of the Conference. He was a man strong in intellect, firm in purpose, a consistent Christian, a useful officer of the church, and devoted for more than fifty years to her interests and progress. He has crossed the flood to join the blood-besprinkled band.

II.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has the good fortune to have under her patronage, for the promotion of Christian learning five different institutions. To each of these the President of the Conference appoints annually a visiting Committee. Of the Wesleyan Female Institute, at Staunton, Va., the Conference is also the sole proprietor; the President is a member of the Conference, and its Board are elected by the same. Randolph Macon College, at Ashland, Va., is the joint property of the Virginia and the Baltimore Conference, is controlled by a Board of Trustees selected from the bounds of both, and its other sources of income are supplemented by their entire educational collections. The Valley Female College, at Winchester, Va., is under the Presidency of the Rev. J. P. Hyde, A. M., who is a member of the Conference, but the property is owned by private parties. The Montgomery Female College, at Christiansburg, Va., and the Johnson Female College, at Union, Monroe Co., W. Va., are both private institutions, with which this Conference has no other relation than that implied in the appointment of visiting Committees thereto, and the fact that their principals, respectively, are most worthy members of the church within its bounds.

The present condition of the several institutions of learning is briefly described as follows:

The Rev. Wm. A. Harris, D. D., President of the Wesleyan Female Institute, in his annual report to the Conference for the current year, sets forth the following facts, viz: The present session is one, so far, of most encouraging prosperity; the number of boarding pupils enrolled is one hundred and forty-two, and "the school, with excellent health, superior faculty, large accommodations, increasing popularity and extended usefulness, gives assurance of a prosperous future."

The President of the Valley Female College represents in person to this Board thirty-three boarding pupils in attendance for the present session, an increase of fifty per cent. over that of last session; the accommodations and educational facilities fully adequate; the religious tone of the school of a high order, as is indicated by the fact that but one boarding pupil is now not a member of the church; and the Conference Visiting Committee now closing, "unite in the heartiest commendation of this College to all parents and guardians of youth who are seeking for their children refined and thorough culture, under Christian influence."

"The Montgomery Female College," says its Visiting Committee, "is under the careful and conscientious direction of the highly accomplished Principal, Mrs. O. S. Pollock, and her able corps of assistants, and is a school of high literary grade, good religious influences, and first class home appointments."

The Johnson Female College, C. E. Johnson, proprietor, we learn from a similar source, has an attendance this session of forty pupils, eighteen of whom are boarders; six teachers; a complete course of study; a quiet, healthful, beautiful locality; most reasonable terms; and every effort is there made "to prepare the pupils for good and useful lives."

During the last summer vacation, as we learn from the Rev. W. W. Bennett, D. D., President, the accommodations for students at Randolph Macon College were both improved and increased by the removal of old buildings and the erection instead, of six new ones, at a cost of between five and six thousand dollars, nearly all of which has been paid. There are not as many students in attendance this session as last, and yet there is no financial loss to the Conference thereby, as more of the students in attendance this session are pay students. The order maintained and work done thus far is of the very best kind.

The Board of Trustees of Randolph Macon College, at their last session in June, 1883, appointed a Committee from the bounds of this Conference to secure, if possible, an action by this body, at its present session, recommending the endowment of that institution to the membership of the church within its bounds, as an object specially worthy of their centenary offerings to the cause of Christian education. And the Board of Education, in view of the great importance of that institution to our Conference, its peculiar and pressing needs, one joint proprietary interest therein with the Virginia Conference, and a similar action already had to this effect by that body, do so recommend.

Also, that the assessment for educational purposes on this Conference be, as heretofore, \$2,000, and that the receipts therefrom be appropriated to Randolph Macon.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY PHELPS HAMILL, *Chairman.*

RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE,
Ashland, Va., April 5, 1884.

REV. J. S. MARTIN, D. D., *Secretary* :

Dear Brother :

In response to the resolution of the Baltimore Conference, requesting me to report, for insertion in your Minutes, "the whole amount of fees" remitted to students from the territory of the Conference, I beg leave to say that our records show the whole amount to be \$16,875.

Very truly, yours,

W. W. BENNETT.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NEW BUILDINGS AT RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE.

Baltimore District :

St. Paul's—Charles Shipley.....	\$100	
Jno. W. Numsen.....	20	
	<hr/>	\$120 00
Central—C. F. Diggs.....	\$25	
Bro. Travers.....	25	
District Conference, Freedom, Md	85	
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		\$225 00

East Baltimore District :

Trinity—R. A. Wooldridge.....	\$25	
T. J. Magruder.....	10	
	<hr/>	35 00

Washington District :

Leesburg—F. A. Lutz	\$500 00	
L. W. S. Hough.....	50 00	
H. C. Gist.....	50 00	
District Conference at Hamilton, Va.....	56 48	
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Winchester District :

District Conference, Stephen City	\$45 06	
Sunday School Convention, Shepherdstown.....	30 00	
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Rockingham District :

District Conference at Luray.....	\$96 00	
Harrisonburg.....	34 21	
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Roanoke District :

District Conference at Christiansburg.....	\$95 00	
Salem.....	47 75	
Roanoke City.....	13 18	
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Total.....		<hr/>	\$1,307 68
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A few subscriptions remain unpaid.

Respectfully,

W. W. BENNETT,

Randolph-Macon College, March 24, 1884.

III.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

Statistics.

We compare the statistics of this year with the statistics of last year.

The report this year gives 486 schools, with 4627 officers and teachers; 28,862 scholars; 1,011 conversions, and \$10,382 expended. The report of last year gave 487 schools, with 4,597 officers and teachers; 28,427 scholars; 1,122 conversions, and \$11,000 expended in support of the schools.

From this comparison, and other facts we have gathered, we infer there is a lack, not so much in methods for successful conduct of Sunday Schools, as in the proper use of such methods.

We could hardly hope to suggest better methods than are provided in our book of discipline, and suggested in the Sunday School Literature of our church. That which we would hope to do would be to make an improvement in the *use* of the methods at hand.

We think there are just two things lacking among our preachers and people, viz: knowledge and enthusiasm.

The former, without the latter, is well nigh useless; while zeal without knowledge is sure to miscarry.

It is to be deplored, that in a few of our Sunday Schools, our own literature, giving knowledge of the text of scripture, and suggesting the best methods, certainly for us, is not used. We regret also, that where used, in many cases, it is not better studied.

When, by any means, we can get the theories we already have, carried into thorough practice in city, town and country, the *golden days* of Sunday School work will have begun.

Looking directly to increase, both in knowledge and zeal, we make the following suggestions:

1st. A General Sunday School Convention as provided for in the discipline.

We would like to see a delegated convention, as therein recommended, but at this time we deem it impracticable, and would therefore adopt the convention of the Baltimore Conference Sunday School Society as our convention, and heartily endorse the programme which that has already provided, and make it a part of this report, to be printed in our Annual Minutes as such.

Order of Exercises for the Eighteenth Annual Convention of the Baltimore Conference Sunday School Society, M. E. Church, South, to be held at Rockville, Md., July 8-11, 1884.

TUESDAY, JULY 8.

8 P. M —1. Organization of the Convention.

2. Annual Report of the President.

3. Report of the Corresponding Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9.

9 A. M.—*Topic*—"The Centenary of Methodism, in its relation to our Sunday School work."

Opening address by Bishop A. W. Wilson.

3 P. M.—*Topic*—"What means can be adopted to further the organization of Sunday Schools throughout the bounds of our Conference?"

Opening addresses by Rev. A. A. P. Neel and H. S. Dulaney, Esq.

8 P. M.—Annual Sermon—Rev. J. H. Boyd.

THURSDAY, JULY 10.

9 A. M.—*Topic*—"Are weekly meetings essential to the full preparation of the Sunday School lesson?"

Opening addresses by Rev. S. K. Cox, D. D., and Ro. A. Wooldridge, Esq.

3 P. M.—*Topic*—"Is the distribution of premiums in our Sunday Schools promotive of good?"

Opening addresses by Rev. J. Edgar Wilson and W. W. Ballard, Esq.

8 P. M.—*Topics*—1. "The Sunday School Teacher in School."

Address by Rev. John A. Kern.

2. "The Sunday School Teacher out of School."

Address by Rev. L. R. Greene.

FRIDAY, JULY 11.

11 A. M.—Grand Centennial Mass Meeting at the Fair Grounds.

Addresses by Hon. A. H. Colquitt, of Georgia, and Bishop A. W. Wilson.

3 P. M.—Children's Mass Meeting at same place.

Addresses by Bishop John C. Granberry and Rev. W. H. D. Harper.

8 P. M.—Closing exercises and Experience Meeting.

2d. We would recommend the holding of a Sunday School Institute, for the benefit of officers and teachers, in every circuit; and in cities and towns where we have one or more stations, let these unite in such an Institute. These Institutes to be held monthly or quarterly, as circumstances may suggest. The senior preacher in circuits, and in cities or towns the senior pastor, to be regarded as chairman of such Institutes, and authorized to call the same together.

3d. We would urge the holding of weekly teachers' meetings in every Sunday School; and would request the pastors to organize and attend the same where possible.

4th. We believe a brief review of the lesson every Sunday by the pastor or superintendent, and a thorough quarterly review by some suitable person, to be most efficient in impressing the facts of the lesson upon the minds of both teachers and pupils, and therefore heartily recommend these reviews.

By all means, in all these meetings, let our own methods, as suggested in our own Sunday School Literature, have the preference, so that there may be uniformity among us everywhere. Let it be known that we are Methodists by the uniform use of same methods. .

For further efficiency in Sunday School work we would recommend:

1st. The organization of a Methodist Sunday School in every community where ten persons can be found, as the discipline directs. Let strong congregations organize schools in out-of-the-way places, where persons cannot be gotten to the churches. In all cases we would discourage Union Sunday Schools.

2d. Let all officers, not elected by the Quarterly Conference, be elected by the officers and teachers of the school; and, above everything, let no selfish motive actuate in these elections. Let not the work be marred by inefficient officers in any place.

3d. We unanimously recommend that there be a regular supply of funds for the needs of the school, secured by systematic contributions on the part of the Church, and not dependent on methods of *doubtful* propriety.

4th. We would insist upon teachers urging their scholars to attend with them the public preaching of the Word. Also that pastors and superintendents endeavor to convince the pupils of their duty in this respect.

5th. We again recommend the appointment of Rev. B. F. Ball as Sunday School Agent for our Conference, and heartily endorse his Depository as the most suitable place to get all our Sunday School supplies. We also suggest him as a most suitable person for organizing Sunday School Institutes.

And now, dear brethren, let us unite our hearts and hands, and earnestly endeavor to make this the best Sunday School year, by a *hundred times*, if possible, in all our history. Especially let us have nothing less in view than the *present* conversion of every unconverted member of our schools.

T. J. MAGRUDER, *Chairman.*

A. A. P. NEEL, *Secretary.*

IV.

REPORT OF BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Board of Church Extension, in presenting to the Conference its first annual report, has reason for encouragement in the favorable indications that have attended the initial year of its existence.

Although the objects contemplated by this new organization have for the first time been presented to our people, the response has been such as to assure us that they need only to be more fully informed concerning it to enter more largely and liberally into its beneficent design.

The report of our Treasurer, which will be submitted to you in detail, will show that about two-thirds of the amount assessed to the various charges has been paid. While we regret that the proportion has not been greater, yet it is, perhaps, as large as might reasonably be expected the first year, and is in excess of all the other coast-line conferences. It is hoped that by the close of another year, when the practical workings of the plan come to be better understood, the returns will reach, or more nearly approximate, the full amount of the assessment.

Immediately after the organization of the Board at the last Conference, an appropriation of \$100 was made to aid in the completion of a new house of worship at Occoquan, in Washington District. The case was one that came directly within the purview of the purposes of the Board. In a town whose charter dates back well nigh one hundred years, no church building had ever been erected, until an earnest, liberal-minded layman of our church took the matter in hand, and the timely help afforded from our funds ensured the consummation of this praiseworthy enterprise. During the present session of this body, several applications have been before us, all of which have been favorably considered; one from the church at Keezletown, where our people, after having once erected a house of worship, were unrighteously deprived of it, and, at great self-sacrifice, had substituted it by another and better building; \$100 appropriated. One from the Society at Clifton Forge, a new and growing community at the terminus of the Richmond and Alleghany Railroad, where arrangements for the erection of a church edifice are already in progress, to which \$200 have been appropriated; another to aid in the completion of a church at Quicksburg, on Mt. Jackson Circuit—the only church building on the charge, and greatly needed to secure the permanence of our work at that point; \$100 appropriated. A fourth, to supplement the efforts of a small and struggling society on Calvert Circuit, in finishing a new church, well advanced towards completion; \$100 appropriated. \$50 to the church at Dumfries, Occoquan Circuit; and lastly, from Emmanuel Mission, Baltimore, whose circumstances peculiarly commended it to the favorable consideration of the Board; \$400 appropriated.

It will thus be seen that the Conference is already receiving a remunerative return for its contributions to this fund. The benefits accruing from this source must increase from year to year with the growing demands of the work.

It is hoped, that in view of these facts, our preachers and presiding elders will urge the claims of church extension upon the people of their respective charges. It must be conceded, that as a feature in the aggressive operations of the church, it is second to no other agency in practical utility and speedy results. The work of planting new churches along our frontier lines in the rapidly growing West, and of supplying the needs in this respect of destitute portions of our home territory, is one that must commend itself to the christian sympathies and generous support of all who desire the growth of Methodism, and the prosperity of our beloved Zion.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL K. COX, *President.*

V.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Report of Special Collection taken at Charlestown, West Va., March, 1883.

Bro. Fishburn.....	\$10 00
Isaac W. Canter.....	5 00
John Landstreet.....	5 00
O. C. Beall.....	5 00
J. Howell Brown.....	5 00
Thos. G. Nevitt.....	5 00
W. B. Dorsey.....	5 00
George R. Jefferson.....	5 00
Sister A. Hughes.....	5 00
John Coalston.....	5 00
Wm. H. Shuff.....	2 00
N. T. Myerly.....	2 00
C. M. Brown.....	2 00
Wm. L. Noland.....	2 00
J. L. Shipley.....	2 00
Chas. Simmons.....	2 00
J. C. Horner.....	1 00
J. S. Hopkins.....	1 00
Hat Collection.....	25 78
B. F. Ball.....	1 00
L. Walton.....	1 00
Linganore Circuit.....	5 00
J. H. H. Figgatt.....	10 00
J. Lester Shipley.....	10 00
G. S. Knott.....	5 00
Adam Young.....	5 00
Mrs. N. Stokes.....	2 00
Hattie Coalston.....	1 00
J. W. Numsen.....	10 00
Gco. T. Tyler.....	10 00
Central Church, Baltimore.....	25 00
Mrs. S. C. Anderson.....	5 00
Central Sunday School.....	5 00
J. Edgar Wilson.....	10 00
J. P. Houck.....	10 00
T. J. Magruder.....	10 00
S. K. Cox.....	5 00
J. W. F. Allemong.....	15 00
Alexandria Sunday School.....	5 00
Middleburg Sunday School.....	2 00
Ed. Lee Brown.....	2 00
J. P. Mitchell.....	2 00
Cash.....	30 27
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	\$281 05

Itemized Statement of Cash Account for Conference Year of 1883 and 1884:

Total cash received...	\$281 05
Amount paid Parent Board.....	\$140 52
Amount given Occoquan Church.....	100 00
Amount paid for Secretary's and Treasurer's Books.....	7 25
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	247 77
Balance on hand.....	<hr/>
	\$33 28

Assessed by Parent Board to the Baltimore Conference for 1884, \$3250.

Apportioned as follows:

Baltimore District.....	\$525
East Baltimore District.....	525
Washington District.....	535
Winchester District.....	395
Rockingham District.....	395
Roanoke District.....	295
Lewisburg District.....	290
Moorefield.....	290
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Total.....	\$3250

Appropriations by the Board.

To the church at Keezletown.....	\$100
" " Clifton Forge.....	200
" " Quicksburg.....	100
" " Dumfries.....	50
" " Lower Marlboro.....	100
To Emmanuel Church.....	400
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Total.....	\$950

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. W. NEWTON, *Treasurer.*

VI.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

The following interests have been considered by the Committee:

Quarterly Review.

The *Quarterly Review* merits, and should receive a much more generous support from the preachers and laymen of our Conference. In size and style it will compare favorably with the best in Europe or America. It occupies already a high position in literary excellence, and in the field of philosophical and scientific criticism, in their religious aspects, it is all that could be desired. The editor repeats the assurance that in no respect will the *Review* be altered, except to improve it, until it shall have reached the highest standard of excellence.

Episcopal Methodist.

We heartily commend the *Episcopal Methodist*, owned and edited by Rev. W. K. Boyle, to our people and to the church at large. As our home paper, it has the first claim upon the patronage of our people. We recommend that the preachers thoroughly canvass their congregations during the months of April and May, and try to put the *Episcopal Methodist* into all our homes, so as to give the people information concerning the Centenary movement. We request the re-appointment of Rev. W. K. Boyle to the Editorship of the *Episcopal Methodist*.

Christian Advocate.

The Nashville *Christian Advocate*, the general organ of our church, is a most excellent paper, and though some are of the opinion that its local character proves a hindrance to its general acceptability, yet we do most heartily recommend it to our people for useful information, spiritual food, and general instruction, and urge our preachers to bring it to their attention, and endeavor to increase its circulation.

Missionary Papers.

The *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, and the *Advocate of Missions*, are meeting a felt want, and evidently doing great good by giving, in condensed form and at reduced rates, that intelligence which will excite a deeper interest in their minds and hearts, and insure larger and more intelligent contributions to this part of the church work. We think it advisable that our preachers should endeavor to introduce them into the homes of our people, especially where our weekly church papers are not taken.

Publishing House.

Your Committee is much gratified to learn of the increasing prosperity of the Publishing House, as shown by the fact stated in the agent's report, viz: that the increase of business during the past year has exceeded any previous year to the amount of \$40,000, and that, if its present management is continued, entire relief from its financial embarrassment is assured beyond all doubt. We continue to rejoice in the high order and intrinsic worth of its publications, though we think there might be improvement in the mechanical execution of many of its productions. However, this is a matter that might well be left to the good judgment of the agent and business manager, who, together with the Publishing Committee, are supposed to be better acquainted with the possible achievements of the house than we. We continue to urge upon our preachers and people, not only the propriety, but also the profit of patronizing our own Publishing House, being satisfied that it can furnish both books and periodicals as cheaply as any other, and in some cases, more cheaply. At the same time, they can feel secure in placing these publications in the hands of the people, as containing nothing deleterious, but only that which is conducive to good morals and sound doctrine.

Book Depository.

We recognize the Baltimore Book Depository, No. 71 W. Fayette street, as an efficient auxiliary of the Publishing House. Rev. B. F. Ball, the Agent, a member of this Conference, is well known to our preachers and people, and the circulation of our own publications and other religious literature in our bounds has been increased by Brother Ball's activity in keeping these publications before the people. We are gratified with the success of this enterprise, and we ask the re-appointment of Brother Ball, and cordially recommend our people to purchase all their Church and Sunday School books and Periodicals from him.

Respectfully submitted,

PRESLEY B. SMITH, *Chairman.*

J. EDGAR WILSON, *Secretary.*

VII.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance beg leave to make the following report:

Your Committee feel the great importance of impressing the minds of the people of our church and congregations of their responsibility upon this great question.

Intemperance is an evil so great as to beggar all description. Multiplied millions of dollars are annually spent in this horrible traffic, thus wasting the material resources of the country, without giving compensation to any per-

manent interests. By it the happiness of homes is blighted, and the fondest anticipations and hopes of domestic comfort are crushed. By it our prisons are being crowded with criminals, our almshouses filled with paupers, while the souls of thousands are being hurried down to eternal ruin. We believe it to be the duty of the Church of God to oppose, by all proper means, this nefarious business.

In view of these considerations, we recommend for the adoption of the Conference the following resolutions:

Resolved. That the manufacturing and the licensing of the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is a great evil, contrary to the object of civil government, and in gross violation of the spirit of christianity.

Resolved, That we will give our hearty support to efforts looking to the legal suppression of the traffic.

Resolved. That we recommend that the preachers of this Conference keep the subject of the temperance reform before their congregations in their pulpit ministrations.

Resolved, That in answer to the communications received from the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Maryland, we take pleasure in recommending the work of these organizations as worthy of our sympathy and co-operation.

Resolved, That we recommend the National Temperance Publication Society, No. 58 Reade Street, New York, as a place where our people can supply themselves with cheap and valuable publications concerning temperance work.

RUMSEY SMITHSON, *President.*

S. G. FERGUSON, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1884.

Treasurer's Account.

Balance on hand March, 1883.....	\$ 1 92
Received from Bishop's Fund.....	1,084 00
Received from Superannuated Fund.....	5,598 00
Received from Educational Fund.....	1,360 00
Received from Bible Fund.....	245 71
Received proportion of interest from Colvin Fund.....	20 79
	\$8,310 42

(See Disbursements.)

Comparative Receipts for 1883 and 1884.

	1883.	1884.	Increase.	Decrease.
Bishop's Fund	\$1,344 35	\$1,084 00		\$260 35
Superannuated Fund.....	5,323 00	5,598 00	\$275 00	
Educational Fund.....	1,710 50	1,360 00		350 50
Bible Fund.....	169 30	245 71	76 41	
	\$8,547 15	\$8,287 71	\$351 41	\$610 85
(For details, see Financial Exhibit.)				351 41
Net Decrease.....				\$259 44

Disbursements.

Bishop's Fund.....	\$1,084 00
Superannuated Fund.....	5,615 29
Randolph Macon College.	1,360 00
Bible Cause.....	245 71
Balance on hand.....	5 42
	\$8,310 42

Amount Paid per Member.

Baltimore District.....	40 cents.	Rockingham District.....	19 cents.
East Balto. "	38 "	Roanoke "	19 "
Washington "	33 "	Lewisburg "	17 "
Winchester "	24 "	Moorefield "	16 "

Amounts Paid Claimants on Superannuated and Colvin Funds.

	Superannuated.	Colvin.	Total.
Samual Kepler.....	\$125 25		\$125 25
A. A. Eskridge.....	271 38		271 38
F. M. Mills.....	83 50		83 50
D. Thomas.....	250 50		250 50
T. Hildebrand.....	334 00		334 00
Geo. Stevenson	208 75		208 75
Henry Hoffman	104 37		104 37
James H. March.....	208 75		208 75
F. H. Richey.....	208 75		208 75
John W. Tongue.....	313 13		313 13
J. M. Grandin.....	208 75		208 75
J. W. Ewan.....	167 00		167 00
E. L. Kregelo.....	83 50		83 50
Thos. Briley.....	167 00		167 00
Maybury G. Balthis.....	167 00		167 00
W. C. Maloy.....	208 75		208 75
G. W. Lightner.....	208 75		208 75
Mrs. John Trone.....	83 50		83 50
Mrs. D. Shoaff.....	83 50		83 50
Mrs. W. G. Cross and child.....	125 25	1 22	126 47
Mrs. W. S. Baird and children.....	250 50	1 84	252 34
Mrs. L. D. Nixon.....	83 50	61	84 11
Mrs. J. F. Liggett and children.....	187 88	3 06	190 94
Mrs. Joseph T. Eakin.....	62 62	61	63 23
Mrs. J. P. Etchison.....	83 50	61	84 11
Mrs. W. H. Wheelwright and child.....	125 25	1 84	127 09
Mrs. W. J. Perry and children.....	208 75	2 44	211 19
Mrs. W. G. Coe and children	375 75	3 06	378 81
Mrs. George G. Brooke	104 37	61	104 98
Mrs. John Poisal.....	125 25	61	125 86
Mrs. J. L. Gilbert.....	125 25	61	125 86
Mrs. G. B. Allen.....	83 50	61	84 11
Mrs. Trout's children.....	41 75		41 75
R. S. Shreeve's children.....	83 50	1 84	85 34
H. C. Pitzer's children.....	41 75	1 22	42 97
	<hr/> \$5,594 50	<hr/> \$20 79	<hr/> \$5,615 29

Claimants for the Ensuing Year, 1884,-'85.

John W. Tongue, Henry Hoffman, A. A. Eskridge, E. L. Kregelo, Geo. Stevenson, J. M. Grandin, M. G. Balthis, Gilson Mauzey, Samuel Kepler, Thos. Hildebrand, G. W. Lightner, F. H. Richey, J. H. March, Jno. W. Ewan, David Thomas, W. H. Wilson, Mrs. Jno. Trone, Mrs. J. P. Etchison, Mrs. Jno. Poisal, Mrs. J. L. Gilbert, Mrs. G. B. Allen, Mrs. W. G. Cross, Mrs. L. D. Nixon, Mrs. Jos. Eakin, Mrs. Geo. G. Brooke, Mrs. W. G. Baird and children, Mrs. J. F. Liggett and children, Mrs. E. G. Vandiver and children, Mrs. W. H. Wheelwright and child, Mrs. Perry and children, Mrs. W. G. Coe and children, R. S. Shreeve's children, H. C. Pitzer's children.

Assessments for 1884 and 1885.

	Bishop's.	Sup'd.	Educa.
Baltimore.....	\$173	\$1002	\$286
East Baltimore	171	993	284
Washington.....	204	1186	339
Winchester.....	162	953	272
Rockingham	156	912	261
Roanoke.....	122	717	205
Lewisburg.....	116	680	194
Moorefield.....	96	557	159
	<u>\$1200</u>	<u>\$7000</u>	<u>\$2000</u>

Resolved, in view of the Centenary collections to be raised this year, the Joint Board of Finance recommend for the action of the Conference the following resolutions, viz:

First, That the Presiding Elders be requested to hold their District Steward's meetings as soon as possible after the adjournment of Conference, to make the assessments for the Conference collections on their various charges.

Second, That the Preachers in charge be earnestly urged to take up the collections, if possible, by September 1st, 1884.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. WAUGH, *Chairman*.

J. P. HOUCK, *Secretary*.

Women's*Missionary*Society*of*Baltimore*Conference

Mrs. Frank Bond, Pres., Mrs. C. B. Brown, Cor. Sec'y.

RECEIPTS FROM AUXILIARY SOCIETIES TO MARCH, 1884.

	No. of Members	Sub's to W. M. Ad.	Receipts.
<i>Baltimore District.</i>			
Central, Baltimore, Md.....	37	12	\$34 00
St. Paul's.....	70	8	100 00
Emmanuel.....	19	9	17 55
Freedom.....	22	14	31 00
Beltsville.....	14	5	7 00
Goshen.....	26	3	18 00
Gaithersburg.....	25	1	14 00
Rockville.....	12	....	23 00
Arlington.....	....	....	12 00
Finksburg Auxiliary and Juvenile Society.....	38	2	14 00
Wesley Grove, Memberships rd.....	3	....	3 00
	266	54	\$273 55
<i>East Baltimore District.</i>			
Trinity, including \$60 for Bible Woman, Shang- hai, China.....	88	50	\$160 00
St. James.....	....	....	8 00
Waldorf.....	24	13	30 00
Easton.....	....	....	8 00
	112	63	\$206 00
<i>Washington District.</i>			
Washington, D. C.....	43	9	\$63 40
Alexandria.....	71	23	72 00
Loudoun Circuit.....	48	30	60 00
Middleburg.....	43	6	31 00
Marshall.....	14	....	6 00
Leesburg.....	25	10	43 00
Leesburg Mission Band	80	....	30 00
Leesburg Mission Band, towards scholarship in Miss Gilbert's School, Mexico.....	....	....	66 00
	324	78	\$371 40

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Continued.

	No. of Members.	Sub's to W. M. Ad.	Receipts.
<i>Winchester District.</i>			
Winchester Mission Circle.....	67	....	\$33 00
Front Royal.....	24	9	32 90
Edinburg.....	21	9	25 00
Woodstock.....	32	14	15 00
Middletown.....	34	3	32 80
Stephens city.....	20	1	22 20
Charlestown.....	38	10	42 20
Shepherdstown.....	14	4	16 00
Shepherdstown, from one member, special for Mexico.....			15 00
Martinsburg, by Rev. J. Landstreet.....			6 50
	250	50	\$240 60
<i>Rockingham District.</i>			
Staunton.....	44	16	\$58 15
Staunton, Mr. Carroll, for scholarship, China....			40 00
Staunton, Wesleyan Female Institute.....			16 00
Harrisonburg.....	28	9	28 00
Bridgewater.....	20	13	50 00
East Rockingham.....	29	2	23 15
Mt. Crawford.....	42	7	56 75
Keezletown.....	9	....	9 00
Mt. Solon..	22	2	8 00
By Rev. H. W. Kinzer.....			4 00
	194	49	\$293 05
<i>Roanoke District.</i>			
Salem.	37	6	\$27 00
Roanoke—including life member.....	33	....	49 00
Blacksburg.....	43	5	32 57
Fincastle.....	25	11	28 00
Lexington.....	35	....	22 85
Upper Botetourt Circuit....	11	....	43 00
Christiansburg.....	38	7	25 25
Christiansburg, Cheerful Givers....			69
Christiansburg, Union Miss. Soc. M. F. College..	36	3	18 80
	283	32	\$247 16

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Concluded.

Moorefield District.

Received from Keyser, Juvenile Society, Pearl Gatherers, \$1.66.

Summary.

	No. of Members	Sub's to W. M. S.	Receipts.
Baltimore District....	266	54	\$273 55
East Baltimore District.....	112	63	206 00
Washington District.....	324	78	371 40
Winchester District.....	250	50	240 60
Rockingham District.....	194	49	293 05
Roanoke District....	283	32	247 16
Moorefield District.....	.....	.....	1 66
	1429	326	\$1,633 42

Amount of receipts of the Baltimore Conference Society, Women's Missionary Society, for the year ending March 1, 1884.....	\$1,633 42
Special from Miss A. Wilkins, through Trinity Auxiliary, second payment for rebuilding Louise Home, Nantziang, China.....	1,583 61
Special donations for Seminole Academy.....	69 22
Special through Mrs. Hayes for Miss Gilbert....	23 00
	\$3,309 25
For Memorial Fund, from May, 1883, to March, 1884....	\$255 34
From Trinity Auxiliary, for Bible Woman, South Balti- more.....	150 00
	\$405 34
Total Baltimore Conference Society, W. M. S.	\$3,714 59

JUVENILE SOCIETIES,

Organized as Auxiliary to Women's Missionary Society:

Busy Bees, Staunton; *Busy Bees, Unison; Golden Links, Edinburg; Valley Vines, Woodstock; Hearts and Hands, Front Royal; Sunshine, Keczetown; *Willing Workers, Middleburg; Pearl Gatherers, Keyser; Juvenile Young People's Society, Harrisonburg; *Lambs of the Fold, Middletown; Little Earnest Workers, Collierstown; Mission Band of Leesburg; Willing Givers, Christiansburg.

In hand from Juvenile and Young People's Society, Harrisonburg.	\$40 00
In hand from Auxiliary Society, Front Royal.....	8 29

*No Reports from these the past year.

**Charles Shipley, Treasurer, in account with the Missionary Society of the Baltimore Annual Conference,
M. E. Church, South.--March, 1884.**

Baltimore District. THOMAS E. CARSON, P. E.	DOMESTIC MISSIONS.					FOREIGN MISSIONS.					BY AMOUNT PAID.	DOMESTIC MISS.	
	Ass'd.	Paid.		Total.	Deficit.	Ass'd.	Paid.		Total.	Deficit.		Allowed	Paid.
		S. S.	Ch.				S. S.	Ch.					
Central—J. A. Register....	61	...	61	61	...	197	80	117	197	...	Emmanuel—J. R. Andrew.....	\$200 00	\$140 00
St. Paul's—Wm. H. D. Harper.....	67	67	...	67	...	216	433	...	433	...			
Emmanuel—J. R. Andrew.....	31	31	...	31	...	69	69	...	69	...			
Frederick Ave.—Chas. E. Simmons...	15	...	...	15	...	50	...	20	20	30	
Reisterstown—C. M. Brown.....	28	28	...	28	...	89	89	...	89	...			
Arlington—D. M. James.....	26	26	...	26	...	84	124	...	124	...			
Freedom—Thos. W. Brown.....	37	...	37	37	...	119	30	89	119	...			
Linganore—F. A. Strother.....	37	...	37	37	...	119	55	64	119	...			
Frederick City—S. V. Hildebrand....	18	...	10	10	8	60	10	10	20	40			
Rockville—B. W. Bond.....	61	...	61	61	...	197	90	226	316	...			
Montgomery—Jas. H. Boyd.....	34	...	34	34	...	109	40	70	110	...	Laurel—Chas. W. Mark.....	71 45	50 00
Bladensburg and Emory—H. S. Coe..	2	2	8	10	18	89	5	27	32	57			
Beltsville—W. P. C. Coe.....	28	...	13	13	15	89	...	39	39	50			
Wesley Grove—Wm. A. McDonald...	26	...	15	15	11	84	13	30	43	41			
Laurel and Grace—C. W. Mark.....	24	...	24	24	...	55	...	12	12	43			
Patuxent—F. H. Shipley.....	16	2	6	8	8	79	4	26	10	49			
Marlboro—C. L. Kennard.....	15	...	2	2	13	50	12	5	15	35			
	552	156	308	464	88	1755	1054	733	1787	345			

East Baltimore District.

ROBT. R. S. HOUGH, P. E.

Trinity—J. W. Duffey.....	195	200	....	200	....	390	700	....	700	....
Calvary—J. Watts Shoaff.....	35	35	....	35	....	110	110	....	110	....
North Baltimore—J. Edgar Wilson...	16	16	....	16	....	51	57	....	57	....
East Baltimore—J. M. Hawley.....	15	....	....	....	15	50	11	4	15	35
East Harford—Jno. W. Steele.....	10	5	3	8	2	50	8	12	20	30
West Harford—L. W. Haslup.....	6	....	6	6	....	40	....	22	22	18
Taylor—W. R. Stringer.....	20	....	8	8	12	90	....	44	44	46
Severn—G. D. White.....	15	....	15	15	....	60	36	24	60	....
West River—Nelson Head.....	34	....	20	20	14	125	10	70	80	45
Calvert—S. B. Dollev.....	34	....	25	25	9	125	..	90	90	35
Prince George—V. W. Wheeler.....	34	....	9	9	25	125	....	25	25	100
Charles & St. Mary's—F. M. Strother.	21	....	5	5	16	100	....	30	30	70
Trappe—J. M. Grubb.....	9	....	9	9	9	60	....	60	60	....
Talbott—C. B. Sutton.....	35	....	20	20	15	135	10	55	65	70
Queen Anne—W. H. Sanders.....	34	....	34	34	....	100	....	100	100	....
Church Hill & Stevens—W. K. Marshall	15	....	8	8	7	50	26	24	50	....
Kent—T. G. Neavitt.....	20	....	20	20	....	90	90	....	90	....
	548	256	182	438	124	1751	958	560	1618	449

East Harford—Jno. W. Steele....	50 00	35 00
West Harford—L. W. Haslup....	150 00	105 00

REPORTS.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Continued.

Washington District. JAMES S. GARDNER, P. E.	DOMESTIC MISSIONS.					FOREIGN MISSIONS.					BY AMOUNT PAID.	DOMESTIC MISS.	
	Ass'd.	Paid.		Total.	Deficit.	Ass'd.	Paid		Total.	Deficit.		Allowed	Paid.
		S. S.	Ch				S. S	Ch.					
Mt. Vernon Place—Sam'l K. Cox...	76	76	....	76	....	238	238	....	238	...		
Alexandria—Jno. A. Kern.....	64	....	64	64	....	201	125	76	201	...		
Falls Church—Presley B. Smith.....	29	23	....	23	6	94	40	9	49	45		
Fairfax—D. F. Eutsler.	19	....	12	12	7	63	....	42	42	21		
Dranesville—Jas. H. Dulaney	19	....	15	15	4	63	6	39	45	18		
Leesburg—Sam'l Rodgers.....	40	36	40	76	....	126	100	90	190	....		
Hamilton—J. S. Williams.....	39	....	39	39	....	126	20	106	126	....		
Hillsboro—E. H. Henry.	40	8	12	20	20	126	36	20	56	70			
Loudoun—A. A. P. Neel.	50	....	47	47	3	157	5	152	157	....		
Middleburg—S. W. Haddaway.....	26	....	26	26	....	81	19	62	81	....		
Piedmont and Linden—J. H. Waugh	60	....	50	50	10	189	....	157	157	32		
Warrenton—Isaac W. Canter.....	36	....	36	36	....	113	40	73	113	....		
Sudley—J. S. Porter.....	19	20	20	63	65	65	Sudley-- {	\$180 00	\$126 00
Occoquan—J. C. Jones	21	10	10	11	68	50	50	18		108 00	75 60
Stafford—L. M. Lyle.....	29	....	6	6	23	94	....	33	33	61		
Fredericksburg—J. S. Hutchinson...	44	....	44	44	....	138	50	88	138	....		
Fauquier—Jas. H. Wolff.	21	5	10	15	6	68	20	30	50	18			
African Mission—Wm. H. Wilson....	Wm. H. Wilson.....	214 28	150 00
	632	148	431	579	90	2008	699	1092	1791	283			

Winchester District.

P. H. WHISNER, P. E.

Winchester—Jno. S. Martin.....	60	....	40	40	20	189	121	....	121	68			
Winchester Circuit—Geo. T. Tyler...	44	....	44	44	...	136	45	241	286	....		
Cedarville—O. C. Beall	24	8	12	20	4	69	10	40	50	19	Cedarville—O. C. Beall.....	100 00	70 00
Front Royal—W. A. Wade.....	36	16	20	36	...	110	110	...	110	....		
Warren—A. W. Robey.....	18	...	8	8	10	60	....	10	10	50			
Berryville—J. A. Anderson	42	....	42	42	....	129	92	37	129	...			
Brucetown—J. W. Wolff.....	44	10	30	40	4	135	40	60	100	35			
Martinsburg—Jno. Landstreet.....	21	21	....	21	....	67	67	....	67	....		
Berkeley—F. A. Mercer.....	21	....	15	15	6	66	11	33	44	22			
Charlestown—J. Lester Shipley.....	36	5	31	36	...	121	124	14	138	....		
Frederick Mission—J. H. Temple....	12	5	6	11	1	40	7	23	30	10	Frederick—J. H. Temple.....	150 00	105 00
Jefferson—J. W. Mitchell	20	....	12	12	8	67	....	35	35	32			
Shepherdstown—Wm. G. Eggleston..	42	....	42	42	...	130	41	172	213	....		
Gainsboro—J. T. Maxwell	16	...	6	6	10	54	....	15	15	39			
Page—G. W. Rubust.....	4	1	1	2	2	14	....	7	7	7	Page—Geo. W. Rubust.....	100 00	70 00
Strasburg—J. C. Sedwick.....	20	....	7	7	13	67	....	21	21	46	Strasburg—J. C. Sedwick.....	100 00	70 00
Shenandoah—G. O. Homan.....	14	....	3	3	11	47	....	6	6	41	Shenandoah—G. O. Homan.. .	100 00	70 00
Woodstock & Edinburg—J. R. Vanhorne	28	28	28	94	94	94	.. .			
	502	66	347	413	89	1595	668	808	1476	369			

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REPORT OF TREASURER OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Continued.

Rockingham District. J C. DICE, P. E.	DOMESTIC MISSIONS.					FOREIGN MISSIONS.					BY AMOUNT PAID.	DOMESTIC MISS.	
	Ass'd.	Paid.		Total.	Deficit.	Ass'd.	Paid.		Total.	Deficit.		Allowed	Paid.
		S. S.	Ch.				S. S.	Ch.					
Staunton—R. Smithson.....	61	61	....	61	...	193	193	...	193	....		
Harrisonburg—Jas. E. Armstrong...	41	....	41	41	....	129	....	129	129	....		
Augusta—R. S. Cunningham.....	21	....	21	21	....	63	15	48	63	....		
West Augusta—H. A. Brown.....	7	....	7	7	....	24	...	24	24	....		
Belle's Valley—G. T. D. Collins.....	21	....	9	9	12	63	....	22	22	41		
Monterey—C. A. Joyce.....	36	10	16	26	10	113	67	16	83	30			
Crab Bottom—C. L. Torreyson....	20	..	8	8	12	63	....	26	26	37		
Parnassus—H. A. Gaver.	25	..	10	10	15	80	36	9	45	35			
Bridgewater—W. L. Lynch	42	..	42	42	....	134	....	134	134	...		
Waynesboro—H. W. Kinzer.....	28	5	10	15	13	89	20	31	51	3-			
Mount Sidney—R. H. Wilson... ..	24	....	16	16	8	81	....	83	83	....		
Rockingham—J. S. Hopkins	20	....	5	5	15	63	5	5	10	53		
East Rockingham—H. M. Strickler...	30	....	30	30	....	93	8	88	96	...		
Port Republic—S. R. Snapp.....	21	12	12	9	66	...	15	15	51	Port Republic—S R. Snapp....	\$125 00	\$ 87 50
Milnes—L. R. Jones.....	30	18	18	12	95	29	47	76	19			
Mount Jackson—C. G. Linthicum...	18	12	12	6	57	14	14	43	Mt. Jackson—C. G. Linthicum...	150 00	105 00
Furnace No. 2—A. B. Blue.....	12	5	5	7	44	12	12	32	Furnace No. 2—A. B. Blue.....	50 00	35 00
New Market—R. M. Williams.....	5	3	3	2	18	...	5	5	1	New Market—R. M. Williams...	150 00	105 00
Luray- -A. Weller.	25	5	7	12	13	80	20	10	30	50			
	487	81	272	353	134	1548	393	718	1111	442			

Roanoke District.

GEO. H. ZIMMERMAN, P. E.

Salem—L. R. Green.....	34	29	5	34	....	108	63	77	140	....		
Roanoke—L. L. Lloyd.....	25	....	21	21	4	55	50	7	57	...			
Roanoke Circuit—B. S. Highley.....	25	10	10	20	5	55	10	30	40	15			
Blacksburg—A. E. Bradenbaugh.....	24	14	10	24	..	80	70	10	80	....		
Christiansburg—C. L. Damaron.....	25	....	10	10	15	90	40	50	90	....		
Fincastle—Collins Denny.....	24	....	24	24	....	75	68	8	76	....		
Amsterdam—W. W. Watts.....	15	3	12	15	....	55	5	42	47	8	Amsterdam—W. W. Watts.....	250 00	175 00
Lexington—L. C. Miller.....	34	....	34	34	....	105	80	25	105	....		
Lexington Circuit—J. K. Gilbert....	20	....	12	12	8	60	....	37	37	23			
Newport—W. E. Miller.....	20	....	20	20	..	90	..	51	51	39			
Lafayette—W. O. Ross.....	15	....	7	7	8	55	....	17	17	38			
Upper Botetourt—O. F. Burgess.....	20	....	20	20	....	65	3	62	65	....		
Newcastle—W. W. Hedrick.....	10	....	5	5	5	35	....	10	10	25	Newcastle—W. W. Hedrick.....	75 00	52 50
Catawba—R. Ross ...	10	....	5	5	5	30	....	25	25	5			
Collierstown—F. Furr.....	15	....	8	8	7	50	....	14	14	36	Collierstown—Frazier Furr.....	50 00	35 00
James River—J. T. Smith.....	20	....	7	7	13	55	....	40	40	15	James River—J. T. Smith.....	150 00	105 00
Fairfield—H. D. Bishop.....	15	....	10	10	5	50	5	30	35	15			
Mt. Bethel—A. C. McNeer.....	8	2	2	6	30	5	5	25	Mt Bethel—A. C. McNeer.....	75 00	52 50
	359	56	222	278	81	1143	394	540	934	244			

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Lewisburg District. — DAVID BUSH, P. E.	DOMESTIC MISSIONS.					FOREIGN MISSIONS.					BY AMOUNT PAID.	DOMESTIC MISS.	
	Ass'd.	Paid.		Total.	Deficit.	Ass'd.	Paid		Total.	Deficit.		Allowed	Paid.
		S. S.	Ch				S. S	Ch.					
Lewisburg—C. L. Moore.....	37	....	15	15	22	119	..	77	77	42		
Frankford Circuit—L. H. Graybill....	36	....	32	32	4	114	16	82	98	16		
Blue Sulphur—J. C. Henderson....	18	...	5	5	13	57	4	11	15	42			
Hinton—D. L. Reid	18	...	18	18	57	22	35	57	Hinton—D. L. Reid.....	\$ 50 00	\$ 35 00
Talcott—R. M. Wheeler.	18	....	8	8	10	57	...	30	30	27		
Centreville—A. Q. Flaherty.....	28	....	10	10	18	90	....	80	80	10		
Union—J. L. Kibler.....	28	....	28	28	....	90	18	72	90	....		
Hillsdale—J. Miller.....	13	13	13	43	43	43	Hillsdale—J. Miller	100 00	70 00
Alderson & Ronceverte--W. N. Wagner	23	10	10	13	71	55	...	55	16	Alderson and R.—W. N. Wagner	53 00	35 00
White Sulphur Station—W. H. Woolf.	9	....	2	2	7	29	10	19	29	....		
Covington Circuit—A. O. Armstrong.	28	....	10	10	18	90	10	37	47	43		
Alvon—Jno. W. Canter.....	9	5	5	4	28	5	5	23	Alvon—John W. Canter.....	50 00	35 00
Levelton—S. Townsend.....	30	....	25	25	5	95	50	10	60	35		
Edray—J. E. Moore	8	8	24	8	8	16	Edray—J. E. Moore.....	50 00	35 00
Huntersville—J. C. Thrasher.....	17	10	10	7	52	40	40	12	Huntersville—J. C. Thrasher....	50 00	35 00
Green Bank—L. Fox.....	25	....	8	8	17	81	...	27	27	54		
Highland—L. R. Markwood.....	23	....	9	9	14	71	....	23	23	48		
Warm Springs—J. J. Crickenberger..	12	4	4	8	38	...	10	10	28	Warm Sp'gs—J. J. Crickenberger	100 00	70 00
Healing Springs—Aaron Boone.....	6	...	2	2	4	19	2	4	6	13	Healing Springs—A. Boone.....	150 00	105 00
Hebron—W. M. Hiner.....	3	3	10	7	7	3			
	389	214	214	175	1235	187	620	807	428			

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Moorefield District.

W. G. HAMMOND, P. E.

Moorefield—S. G. Ferguson.....	30	25	25	5	97	40	57	97			
Petersburg—J. O. Tacket.....	16	....	10	10	6	55	....	23	23	32			
Franklin—W. E. Woolf.....	26	....	5	5	21	86	....	10	10	76			
Circleville—H. D. Anville.....	7	....	....	....	7	21	....	....	....	21	Circleville—H. D. Anville.....	100 00	70 00
Keyser—J. H. Davidson.....	21	7	6	13	8	65	32	....	32	33			
Piedmont—J. F. Baggs.....	21	....	5	5	16	65	....	5	5	60			
Frostburg—A. M. Cackley.....	17	7	....	7	10	57	8	....	8	49	Frostburg—A. M. Cackley.....	125 00	87 50
Listonburg—W. B. Dorsey.....	17	....	10	10	7	57	....	33	33	24			
Flintstone—L. G. Martin.....	21	....	6	6	15	66	....	14	14	52			
Springfield—L. Butt.....	26	....	26	26	....	90	....	100	100	....		
South Branch—Wesley Hammond....	33	....	15	15	18	105	11	59	70	35			
Hardy.....	13	....	....	....	13	46	....	....	....	46			
Capon Bridge—R. Smith.....	18	....	8	8	10	59	....	15	15	44			
Morgan—J. Trezise.....	7	....	4	4	3	25	....	5	5	20	Morgan—J. Trezise.....	125 00	87 50
North Branch—A. C. Hamill.....	15	....	....	....	15	33	....	....	....	33	North Branch—A. C. Hamill....	75 00	52 50
Wardensville—W. Hodges.....	14	15	15	33	10	10	23	Wardensville—W. Hodges.....	150 00	105 00
	302	39	110	149	154	960	91	331	422	548			

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SPECIAL COLLECTION AND SUBSCRIPTION

At Charlestown, W. Va., March, 1883.

FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS EXCLUSIVELY.

Anderson, Mrs. Rev. Sallie E.	\$10 00	Duncan, Miss Lizzie.....	5 00
Arlington Sunday School...	25 00	Duderau, D. W.....	25 00
Armentrout, Colly.....	5 00	Duffey, Rev. J. W.....	25 00
Armentrout, George W.....	5 00	Eutsler, Rev. D. F.....	10 00
Allemong, J. W. F.....	50 00	Episcopal Methodist.....	112 93
Alexander, Mrs. Jane E.....	5 00	Episcopal Methodist (a friend)	25 00
Burns, John.....	10 00	Furr, Rev. Frazier.....	5 00
Bishop, Rev. H. D.....	1 00	Francis, Miss Lee.....	5 00
Butt, Mrs. Leonidas.....	5 00	Ferguson, Rev. S. G.....	25 00
Bush, J. H.....	1 00	Ferguson, Mrs. S. G.....	10 00
Beall, Mrs. O. C.....	20 00	Ferguson, Mary R.....	5 00
Bishop, Mrs. Rev. Jennie A.	10 00	Ferguson, Kathleen.....	5 00
Bond, Frank E.....	5 00	Frostburg Sunday School...	10 00
Bradenbaugh, Rev. A. E. and wife..	10 00	Friends; Charlestown charge.	25 00
Bond, Rev. Beverly W.....	25 00	Front Royal and Riverton...	5 00
Brown, Rev. H. A.....	5 00	Figgatt, Capt. J. H. H.....	25 00
Berryville Sunday School...	7 50	Fincastle Sunday School...	25 00
Brucetown Sunday School, [Mexico].....	10 00	Flaherty, Rev. A. Q. and wife	15 00
Brown, S. Howell.....	25 00	Gallaher, Louisa H. and Norval Wilson.....	5 00
Boude, Rev. A. Poe.....	5 00	Gallaher, Mrs. W. W. B.....	5 00
Boyle, Rev. W. K.....	60 00	Gilbert, Rev. J. K. and wife..	9 50
Brown, Rev. Charles W.....	10 00	Grace M. E. Church, South, Sunday School, Rev. H. Hoffman.....	15 00
Carson, Miss Jennie.....	5 00	Goshen Sunday School, by Rev. A. R. Martin, [Brazil]	10 00
Carson, Miss Mary.....	5 00	Green, E. and B.....	5 00
Coe, Rev. W. P. C.....	5 00	Gaver, Bessie.....	5 00
Cash.....	1 00	Hamilton Sunday School...	5 00
Cloud, Miss Jennie.....	10 00	Holland street Sunday School	5 00
Covington Sunday School, by J. J. Hobbs.....	10 00	Harris, Miss Rosie.....	5 00
Cunningham, George J.....	5 00	Hughes, Mrs. Annie E.....	10 00
Cunningham, Mrs. Mary P. and children.....	5 00	Herndon, Mrs. Alice P.....	5 00
Coe, Rev. H. S.....	10 00	Hopkins, Rev. J. S.....	10 00
Cackley, Rev. A. M. [Mexico]	5 00	Hamill, Rev. H. P.....	5 00
Charlestown Sunday School.	21 00	Haddaway, Rev. S. W.....	10 00
Central Sunday School.....	160 00	Highland Rose Buds, by Rev. C. A. Joyce.....	5 00
Central Sunday School, by S. W. Travers.....	50 00	Hill, Thomas H.....	5 00
Crum Chapel Sunday School	5 00	Harper, Rev. Wm. H. D. and wife.....	20 00
Christiansburg Sunday School	5 00	Hildebrand, Rev. S. V.....	5 00
Cox, Rev. Samuel K.....	5 00	Hetrich, Rev. E. S. [Mexico.]	5 00
Dorsey, Rev. W. B.....	5 00	Henry, Rev. E. H.....	15 00
Daily Conference Journal...	5 00	Hammond, Rev. Wesley and wife.....	20 00
Davison, Rev. C. L.....	5 00	Hammond, Rev. O. W.....	10 00
Diggs, Charles F.....	5 00	In memory of departed wife of Rev. Jno. W. Steele....	5 00
Dice, Mary C.....	5 00	Kibler, Rev. J. L.....	10 00
Dice, Lucy Lee.....	5 00	King, Mrs. J. N.....	5 00
Dice, Alice V.....	5 00	Kern, Rev. Jno. A.....	20 00
Dice, Zella.....	5 00	Kern, Paul Bently.....	5 00
Dice, John C.....	5 00		
Dice, Charles S.....	5 00		
Dice, Rev. John C. and wife.	20 00		

Knutt, Geo. S. and wife.....	10 00	Rockville Circuit, by Rev. A.	
Kepler, Mrs. Rev. S. (China).	10 00	R. Martin and Rev. E. B.	
Licklader, G. S.....	20 00	Prettyman.....	50 00
Lynch, Rev. W. L.....	25 00	Rectortown Sunday School,	
Lynch, Rev. W. L., for Alder-		per Rev. A. C. Davidson..	5 00
son Sunday School. [Mex-		Reisterstown Sunday School.	10 00
ico]..	10 00	Roanoke Rosebuds	10 00
Lyle, Daisy.....	2 50	Strother, Rev. F. M.....	25 00
Lyle, David Regester.	2 50	Strickler, Rev. H. N.....	5 00
Lady on borders of Jordon.		Springfield Circuit, Myra S.	
[Mexico].....	5 00	Culp	5 00
Lewisburg Station	25 00	Shieller, Mrs. Andrew, K., of	
Maxwell, Rev. J. T.....	5 00	New York.....	25 00
Middleburg Church, per Rev.		Shipley, Rev. J. Lestor.....	25 00
S. W. Haddaway.	20 00	Shipley, M. Gussie	2 00
Miller, Rev. L. C.....	10 00	Shipley, George, Lester and	
Martin, Rev. J. D.....	5 00	Jno. A. Gere.....	3 00
Miller, Alice Marvin, per }		Strother, Rev. F. A.....	5 00
Rev. W. E. Miller.		Student of Randolph Macon	
Miller, Andrew Franklin }	3 00	College.....	5 00
Miller, Helen Rodgers. }		Steele, M. L. J., by his father,	
Mitchell, Rev. J. W.....	5 00	J. W. Steele.....	5 00
Mark, Rev. C. W.....	5 00	Seat, Rev. W. H.....	100 00
Mohlor, Frank N.....	5 00	St. Paul's Sunday School,	
Marvin Class, Mrs. Sarah		Baltimore.....	300 00
Armentrout.....	5 00	Shepherdstown S. School, by	
Montgomery Female College.		J. J. Johnson.....	10 00
[Mexico].....	10 00	Spangler, Rev. J. N.....	20 00
May, A. H.....	5 00	Simmons, Rev. Chas. E.....	5 00
Martin, Rev. A. R., for Jno. S.		Shipley, Rev. J. Lester.....	25 00
Martin, Jr.	15 00	Shipley, Mrs. J. Lester.....	25 00
Martinsburg Sunday School..	5 00	Shuggart, Jeff. M.....	5 00
McCoy, Mrs	5 00	Salem Sunday School, per	
Martin, Mrs. Rev. J. S.....	25 00	Rev. A. C. Davidson.....	5 00
Martin, Nellie.....	5 00	Sedwick, Annie.....	5 00
Martin, Mary S.....	5 00	Salem Sunday School, by Rev.	
Martin, Sue.....	5 00	L. R. Green	10 00
Martin, Rev. Dr. John S., for		St. Paul's Sunday School, by	
Mrs. Perry.....	5 00	Jno. W. Numsen	500 00
Martin's, Rev. John S. grand-		Shoaff, Rev. J. Watts.....	10 00
children.....	9 00	Shipley, Chas. and wife.....	500 00
Nevitt, Rev. Thomas G.....	10 00	Sedwick, Master Jno. Dice..	5 00
New Hope Sunday School,		South Branch Circuit.....	25 00
by Christian Eakle.....	5 00	Springfield Circuit, by R. M.	
Nickline, Jno. W.....	5 00	Washington.....	15 00
Petersburg Sunday School...	5 00	Smithson, Rev. R. and family	25 00
Piedmont Station, by Rev. J.		Thrasher, Rev. J. C.....	5 00
Fred. Baggs.....	6 00	Tyler, Rev. George T.....	50 00
Parsonage Fat Boy, by Rev.		Tyler's, Rev. George T. sons.	10 00
J. W. Duffey.....	25 00	Trinity Sunday School, Bal-	
Rector, S. L.....	1 00	timore.....	1155 00
Rubush, Rev. Geo. W.....	10 00	Upperville Sunday School, by	
Rodgers, Mrs. Sam'l.....	20 00	Rev. S. W. Haddaway.	5 00
Rodgers, Bertha and Jos. G.,		Valley Female College, by	
and J. Rodgers Watts.....	10 00	Rev. Jno. P. Hyde. [Mex-	
Richardson, Rev. Chas.....	10 00	ico].....	15 00
Richey, Rev. F. H.....	5 00	Wheeler, Rev. R. M.....	5 00
Rhodes, Mrs. Isaac.....	5 00	Wheeler, Mrs. R. M.....	5 00
Reid, Rev. D. L.....	10 00	Weller, Rev. Addison.....	5 00
Regester, Rev. J. Asbury....	10 00	Wolfe, Mrs. Rev. Jas. H.....	5 00
Rector, H. N.....	95 00	Whitlock, Henry.....	5 00

Waters, Mrs. Zach. D.....	5 00	Waters, Rev. B. W.....	5 00
Wilson, Rev. R. H....	5 00	Wolf, Mrs W. E.....	5 00
Wilson, Miss Gus. V.....	10 00	Wolf, Rev. W. E.....	5 00
Wagner, Rev. W. N.....	5 00	Young, Alice.....	1 00
Wolf, Rev. W. H.....	5 00	Young Workers, by Rev. D.	
Weller, F. R.....	5 00	L. Reid.....	2 50
Warrenton Sunday School..	10 00	Yates, F. A.....	5 00
Whisner, Rev. P. H.....	20 00	Young Workers, Hunterville	
Wilson, Rev. Wm. H and wife	10 00	Circuit.	2 50
Walton, M. L.....	25 00	Zimmerman, Rev. George H.	10 00
Walton, Hon. Moses.....	25 00		

The Secretaries of Conference returned to Treasurer the sum of \$171.00, without taking the names of parties paying. From the best information the Treasurer could obtain, he has credited the following named parties. If there should be any error, he will willingly correct it:

Alexandria Sunday School,		Marshall, Rev. Wm. R	5 00
for Mexico.....	5 00	McDonald, Rev. Wm. A... .	5 00
Boteler, Rev. J. W.....	5 00	Prettyman, Rev. E. B.....	10 00
Cunningham, Rev. R. S . . .	5 00	Porter, Rev. J. S.	5 00
Colston, Mrs. Harriett.....	5 00	Shepherdstown Circuit, by	
Cash in sundry amounts....	26 00	Rev. W. G. Eggleston. . . .	20 00
Furr, Rev. Frazier.....	1 00	Shepherdstown S. S.....	10 00
Ginn, Rev. E. Y... .	1 00	Shepherdstown S. S., per	
Gentleman in Gallery.. . .	5 00	Emma and Eva Eggleston.	5 00
General Fund, supposed Rev.		Sutton, Rev. Charles B.....	1 00
T. G. Nevitt.....	10 00	Smith, Mrs. Emily.....	1 00
Hammond, Ward and Virgie.	2 00	Travers, S. W.....	5 00
Jones, Rev. L. R.....	5 00	Viers, Miss.....	4 00
Johnson, J. J. W.....	5 00	Washington, R. M.	5 00
Knutt, George S. and wife . .	10 00	Williams, I.....	5 00
Landstreet, Rev. John.....	5 00		

ASSESSMENTS AND PAYMENTS BY DISTRICTS.

	DOMESTIC MISSIONS.		FOREIGN MISSIONS.	
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.
Baltimore District.....	\$552 00	\$464 00	\$1,755 00	\$1,787 00
E. Baltimore "	548 00	438 00	1,751 00	1,618 00
Washington "	632 00	579 00	2,008 00	1,791 00
Winchester "	502 00	413 00	1,595 00	1,476 00
Rockingham "	487 00	353 00	1,548 00	1,111 00
Roanoke "	359 00	278 00	1,143 00	934 00
Lewisburg "	389 00	214 00	1,235 00	807 00
Moorefield "	302 00	149 00	950 00	422 00
	\$3,771 00	\$2,888 00	\$11,991 00	\$9,946 00

COMPARATIVE RECEIPTS FOR 1883 AND 1884.

	Domestic & Foreign Missions. 1883.	Domestic & Foreign Missions 1884.	Increase.	Decrease.
Received from Baltimore District	\$1,866 00	\$2,251 00	\$385 00	
" E. Baltimore "	1,964 00	2,056 00	92 00	
" Washington "	2,241 00	2,370 00	129 00	
" Winchester "	1,454 00	1,889 00	435 00	
" Rockingham "	1,312 00	1,463 00	151 00	
" Roanoke "	1,110 00	1,212 00	102 00	
" Lewisburg "	1,146 00	1,021 00		\$125 00
" Moorefield "	582 00	571 00		11 00
	1883.	1884.	Increase.	Decrease.
Aggregate for Domestic Miss....	3,473 00	2,888 00		585 00
" Foreign "	8,727 00	15,115 08	6,388 08	

Winchester District carries the banner this year, having increased her receipts \$435. Trinity Church, Baltimore, outstrips everything, having raised this year, in her own station, for missions, \$3,430.00.

DR. RECAPITULATION AND BALANCE. CR.

To cash on hand Mar. 1883	\$492 37	By amount applied to—	
To amount received from—		Baltimore District.....	\$190 00
Baltimore District.....	2,251 00	E. Baltimore "	140 00
E. Baltimore "	2,056 00	Washington "	351 60
Washington "	2,370 00	Winchester "	385 00
Winchester "	1,889 00	Rockingham "	332 50
Rockingham "	1,463 00	Roanoke "	472 50
Roanoke "	1,212 00	Lewisburg "	420 00
Lewisburg "	1,021 00	Moorefield "	402 50
Moorefield "	571 00	By amount paid Parent	
Special contribution by		Board.....	15,115 08
Miss Fannie Spessard,			
from Union Miss. Board,			
Union, Va., for Anglo-			
Chinese University.....	8 00		
Special contribution from			
Fredericksburg Mission-			
ary Band.....	6 15		
Special subscription to			
Anglo-Chinese Univer-			
sity, on Missionary Day,			
at Conference in Charles-			
town, Va., 1883....	5,154 93	Balance in hand.....	685 27
	\$18,494 45		\$18,494 45

CHARGES IN EXCESS OF THEIR ASSESSMENTS FOR FOREIGN
MISSIONS.

DISTRICTS.	Assessed.	Paid..	Overpaid.
<i>Baltimore District.</i>			
St. Paul's, Baltimore, Wm. H. D. Harper...	\$216 00	\$433 00	217 00
Arlington, D. M. James.....	84 00	124 00	40 00
Rockville, B. W. Bond.....	197 00	316 00	119 00
Montgomery, Jas. H. Boyd.....	109 00	110 00	1 00
<i>East Baltimore District.</i>			
Trinity, Baltimore, J. W. Duffey.....	390 00	700 00	310 00
North Baltimore, J. Edgar Wilson.....	51 00	57 00	6 00
<i>Washington District.</i>			
Leesburg, Samuel Rodgers.....	126 00	190 00	64 00
Sudley, J. S. Porter.....	63 00	65 00	2 00
<i>Winchester District.</i>			
Winchester Circuit, George T. Tyler.....	136 00	286 00	150 00
Charlestown, J. Lester Shipley.....	124 00	138 00	17 00
Shepherdstown, Wm. G. Eggleston.....	130 00	213 00	83 00
<i>Roanoke District.</i>			
Salem, L. R. Green	108 00	140 00	32 00
Roanoke, L. L. Lloyd.....	55 00	57 00	2 00
Fincastle, Collins Denny.....	75 00	76 00	1 00
<i>Rockingham District.</i>			
Mount Sidney, R. H. Wilson.....	81 00	83 00	2 00
East Rockingham, H. M. Strickler.....	93 00	96 00	3 00
<i>Moorefield District.</i>			
Springfield, Leonidas Butt.....	90 00	100 00	10 00

These charges together have exceeded their assessments \$1,059. If the other charges had even paid their assessment, instead of being \$3,100 deficient, they would have been in excess \$1,056. It seems peculiarly mortifying and disheartening to Trinity Church, Baltimore, which, after all their noble and successful efforts to excel all others in doing good, their district, (the East Baltimore,) should show the smallest increase in foreign missions among all the districts showing *any* increase.

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1884-85.

DISTRICTS.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Total.
Baltimore.. .. .	\$548 00	\$1,992 00	\$2,540 00
East Baltimore.. .. .	500 00	1,818 00	2,318 00
Washington.. .. .	610 00	2,218 00	2,828 00
Winchester.. .. .	480 00	1,747 00	2,227 00
Rockingham.. .. .	475 00	1,726 00	2,201 00
Roanoke.. .. .	359 00	1,305 00	1,664 00
Lewisburg.. .. .	332 00	1,209 00	1,541 00
Moorefield.. .. .	271 00	985 00	1,256 00

APPROPRIATIONS

By Conference Board of Missions for Domestic Missions, within the bounds of our Conference, for the year 1884-85, subject to revision.

<i>East Baltimore District :</i>		<i>Lewisburg District :</i>	
West Harford.....	\$150 00	Huntersville.....	\$50 00
Charles & St. Mary's	50 00	Edray, (contingent).	50 00
North & East Balto.	300 00	Hillsdale.....	100 00
	<u>\$500 00</u>	White Sulphur..	100 00
<i>Washington District :</i>		Alvon.....	50 00
Sudley.	\$250 00	Warm Springs.....	100 00
Linden, (contingent)	100 00		<u>450 00</u>
	<u>350 00</u>	<i>Moorefield District :</i>	
<i>Winchester District :</i>		Alleghany.....	\$50 00
Frederick Mission...	\$50 00	North Branch.....	75 00
Page.....	50 00	Frostburg.....	150 00
Strasburg.	100 00	Morgan.....	150 00
Shenandoah.....	150 00	Wardensville.....	125 00
	<u>350 00</u>		<u>550 00</u>
<i>Rockingham District :</i>		Total amount...	<u>\$3,575 00</u>
Mt. Jackson.....	\$125 00		
Port Republic	125 00		
Furnace.....	200 00		
New Market....	200 00		
Belle's Valley, (con-			
tingent).....	75 00		
	<u>725 00</u>		
<i>Roanoke District :</i>			
Amsterdam.....	\$200 00		
Catawba.....	50 00		
Newcastle.....	150 00		
Fairfield.....	200 00		
Lexington Cir. Miss.	50 00		
	<u>650 00</u>		

SPECIAL NOTES.—*March, 1884.*

Of the \$316 contributed by Rockville Circuit to Foreign Missions, \$110 are to be applied to the Anglo-Chinese University.

Of the \$433 contributed by St. Paul's, Baltimore, to Foreign Missions, \$100 are to be applied for the third year's education in China of the two girls named Martha Burris and Laura V. Payne; also, \$75 to be applied to the education of a child in Mexico under Miss Blanche Gilbert.

In addition to the amount raised by Trinity for Foreign and Domestic Missions, as reported by the Treasurer, there is a special contribution of \$1,585 by Miss Wilkins for the "Louise Home," in China; \$75 to educate a child in Mexico under Miss Blanche Gilbert; \$175 appropriated to the hospital in China—the whole amount raised for Missions being \$3,430.

Of the amount for Foreign Missions raised by Mt. Vernon, Washington, \$50 are to be applied to continue the education in China of boy named Harry F. Zimmerman.

Of the \$213 raised by Shepherdstown Circuit for Foreign Missions, \$31 was collected by Shepherdstown Sunday-School for Anglo-Chinese University, and \$45 were contributed by a "friend of China" for the same purpose.

Of the \$286 paid by Winchester Circuit for Foreign Missions, \$20 were contributed by the "Lambs of the Flock," at Middletown.

Leesburg Station, in addition to the amount reported by that charge for Missions, raised \$10 for the Anglo-Chinese University and \$110 through the "Mission Band."

CHARLES SHIPLEY, *Treasurer.*

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.



The amount received for missions at the office of the *Episcopal Methodist*, from April 2, 1883, to March, 1884, is \$189.27. The names of the contributors have been published in that paper.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

Baltimore District.		Members.	PREACHER'S			
			Salary.		House Rent.	
			Est'd.	Paid.	Est'd.	Paid.
	Presiding Elder—T. E. Carson		1745	1715		
1	Central—J. A. Regester	214	1000	1000	350	350
2	St. Paul's—W. H. D. Harper.....	500	1500	1500	300	300
3	Emmanuel Miss.—J. R. Andrew....	172	600	600	.....	.....
4	Frederick Avenue—C. E. Simmons..	72	400	400	.....	.....
5	Reisterstown—C. M. Brown.....	202	500	500	Par.	.....
6	Arlington—D. M. James.....	73	700	700	Par.	.....
7	Freedom—Thomas W. Brown.....	249	550	550	Par.	.....
	E. L. Gies.....		150	150	.....	.....
8	Linganore—F. A. Strother.....	282	650	650	Par.	.....
9	Frederick City—S. V. Hildebrand ..	72	400	400	.....	.....
10	Rockville—B. W. Bond.....	598	1000	1000	Par.	.....
	H. P. Hamill.....		420	420	.....	.....
11	Montgomery—J. H. Boyd.....	260	700	800	100	100
12	Bladensburg and Emory—H. S. Coe.	71	500	373	Par.	.....
13	Beltsville—W. P. C. Coe.....	135	375	355	.....	.....
14	Wesley Grove—W. A. McDonald....	257	600	582	.....	.....
15	Laurel and Grace—C. W. Mark....	50	250	222	.....	.....
16	Patuxent—F. H. Shipley.....	104	500	500	Par.	.....
17	Upper Marlboro—E. L. Kennard....	70	100	150	.....	.....
		3381	12,640	12,567	750	750

DISCIPLINARY COLLECTIONS.

Baltimore District.	BISHOP'S FUND.			SUP'D FUND.			EDUC. FUND.		
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.
Central.....	21	21	..	121	121	.....	35	35	.....
St. Paul's	23	23	....	134	135	.....	38	38	.....
Emmanuel Mission.....	10	10	....	40	40	.....	10	10	.....
Frederick Avenue.....	5	5	....	31	12	19	.....	.....	.....
Reisterstown.	9	9	....	55	55	.....	15	15	.....
Arlington.....	9	9	..	52	52	.....	14	14	.....
Freedom.....	12	12	....	73	76	.....	21	21	.....
Linganore.....	12	12	....	75	75	.....	21	21	.....
Frederick City.....	6	6	....	37	35	2	10	4	6
Rockville ..	21	35	....	121	150	.....	35	35	.....
Montgomery.	11	11	....	67	67	.....	19	19	.....
Bladensburg and Emory	9	5	4	55	12	43	15	4	11
Beltsville.....	9	7	2	55	31	24	15	4	11
Wesley Grove.....	9	7	2	52	35	17	14	7	7
Laurel and Grace.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Patuxent.....	8	4	4	49	24	25	13	2	11
Upper Marlboro.....	5	3	2	31	2	29	.....	.....	.....
	179	179	14	1048	922	159	275	229	46
Overpaid.....	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	33	.....	.....	.....
			.....			126			

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

ALLOWANCE.			Rent Value of Parsonage	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		TOTAL FOR MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.		Deficiency.	Payment per Member.	Paid for other object
	Trav. Expen.			Est'd.	Paid.	Est'd	Paid.			
	Est'd.	Paid								
1	.....	.....	.....	200	200	1550	1550	.....	7 24	878
2	.....	.....	.....	220	220	2020	2020	.....	4 04	2200
3	.....	.....	.....	95	95	695	695	.....	4 04	239
4	.....	.....	.....	50	50	450	450	.....	6 25	238
5	.....	.....	200	90	90	590	590	.....	2 92	110
6	.....	.....	180	85	85	785	785	.....	10 76	135
7	.....	.....	150	120	120	820	820	.....	3 29	156
8	15	15	75	120	120	785	785	.....	2 78	80
9	.....	.....	.....	60	60	460	460	.....	6 38	191
10	18	18	340	200	200	1638	1638	.....	2 73	225
11	50	50	.....	110	110	960	1060	Overp'd.	4 07	88
12	.....	.....	60	90	67	590	440	150	6 19	120
13	.....	.....	.....	90	85	465	440	25	3 25	70
14	.....	.....	.....	85	83	685	665	20	2 58	45
15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	250	222	28	4 44	36
16	.....	.....	75	80	80	580	580	.....	5 57	60
17	.....	.....	.....	50	50	150	200	Overp'd.	2 85	.....
	83	83	1080	.....	.....	13,473	13,400	223	3 96	4871
						Less overpaid.....		150		
						Real deficiency.....		73		

DISCIPLINARY COLLECTIONS.

Baltimore District.	CHURCH EXTENSION.				Bible.
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.	Overpd	
Central.....	53	53	.....	.....	.....
St. Paul's	58	58	.....	.....	.....
Emmanuel Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Frederick Avenue.....	13	.....	13	.....	.....
Reisterstown.....	24	24	.....	.....	.....
Arlington.....	22	22	.....	.....	.....
Freedom.....	32	32	.....	.....	5
Linganore.....	32	32	.....	.....	.....
Frederick City.....	16	5	11	.....	6
Rockville.....	53	60	.....	7	6
Montgomery.....	29	29	.....	.....	.....
Bladensburg and Emory.....	24	5	19	.....	.....
Beltsville.....	24	4	20	.....	.....
Wesley Grove.....	22	5	17	.....	.....
Laurel and Grace.....	14	.....	14	.....	.....
Patuxent.....	21	4	17	.....	.....
Upper Marlboro.....	13	2	11	.....	.....
450		335	122	7	17

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

East Baltimore District.		Members.	PREACHER'S			
			Salary.		House Rent.	
			Est'd.	Paid.	Est'd.	Paid.
	Presiding Elder—R. R. S. Hough...		1690	1543		
1	Trinity—J. W. Duffy.....	462	1700	1700	Par.	.....
2	Calvary—J. W. Shoaff.....	329	950	950	Par.	.....
3	N. Baltimore—J. E. Wilson.....	131	500	500	.....	.....
4	E. Baltimore—J. M. Hawley.....	83	500	375	.....	.....
5	Taylor's Cir—W. R. Stringer.....	124	600	500	Par.	.....
6	W. Harford Miss.—L. W. Haslup...	72	300	300	.....	.....
7	E. Harford—J. W. Steele.....	115	500	500	48	48
8	Talbot—A. P. Boude.....	295	700	580	184	150
	C. B. Sutton.....		175	132	.....	.....
9	Trappe—J. W. Grubb.....	78	450	450	.....	.....
10	Kent—T. G. Nevitt.....	87	500	500	Par.	.....
11	Queen Anne's—W. H. Sanders.....	268	600	600	Par.	.....
12	Church Hill & Stevens—W.K.Marshall	100	400	400	.....	.....
13	Severn—G. D. White.....	200	400	400	37	37
14	West River—N. Head.....	284	600	509	Par.	.....
	F. T. Griffith.....		125	106	.....	.....
15	Calvert—S. B. Dolly.....	322	550	512	Par.	.....
	W. J. Breeden.....		75	68	.....	.....
16	Prince George's—V. W. Wheeler....	298	550	386	Par.	.....
	S. S. Troy.....		125	91	.....	.....
17	Charles & St. Mary's—F. M. Strother	208	500	370	Par.	.....
		3454	12,490	11,472	269	235

DISCIPLINARY COLLECTIONS.

East Baltimore District.	BISHOP'S FUND.			SUP'D FUND			EDUC. FUND.		
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.
Trinity.....	43	43	..	170	270	...	65	65	.....
Calvary.....	12	12	...	65	65	...	20	20	.....
North Baltimore.....	8	8	...	43	43	...	14	14	.....
East Baltimore.....	8	5	3	39	12	27	10	...	10
Taylor's Circuit.....	9	8	1	42	23	19	14	6	8
West Harford Mission...	4	4	...	22	15	7	5	5	...
East Harford.....	5	3	2	32	23	9	7	4	3
Talbot..	13	6	5	74	45	29	22	9	13
Trappe.....	5	5	...	30	30	...	8	8	.....
Kent.....	9	9	...	40	40	...	15	15	.....
Queen Anne's.....	12	12	...	75	75	...	20	20	.....
Church Hill and Stevens.....	5	5	...	32	24	8	7	7	.....
Severn.....	6	6	...	35	35	...	12	12	.....
West River.....	12	12	...	74	74	...	22	6	16
Calvert.....	12	12	...	74	55	19	22	18	4
Prince George's.....	12	3	9	74	14	60	22	...	22
Charles and St. Mary's.....	9	9	...	50	16	34	15	10	5
	184	164	20	971	859	212	300	219	81
Overpaid.....						100			
						112			

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

ALLOWANCE.		Rent Value of Parsonage	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		TOTAL FOR MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.		Deficiency.	Payment per Member.	Paid for other objects	
	Trav. Expen.		Est'd.	Paid	Est'd	Paid.				
1	.....	.....	800	325	325	2025	2025	.....	4 38	1975
2	.....	.....	250	110	110	1060	1060	.....	3 22	243
3	.....	.....	.....	50	50	550	550	.....	4 19	328
4	.....	.....	.....	50	38	550	413	137	4 51	451
5	.....	.....	150	90	75	690	575	115	4 63	70
6	.....	.....	.....	40	40	340	340	.....	4 72	51
7	.....	.....	.....	50	50	598	598	.....	5 20	292
8	50	.....	.....	135	103	1252	965	287	3 27	.....
	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9	8	8	.....	65	65	523	523	.....	6 71	83
10	.....	.....	250	90	90	590	590	.....	6 78	356
11	50	50	125	100	100	750	750	.....	2 79	79
12	.....	.....	.....	50	50	450	450	.....	4 50	90
13	25	25	.....	60	60	522	522	.....	2 61	53
14	20	11	100	125	106	870	732	138	2 57	75
15	.....	.....	75	125	115	750	695	55	2 15	100
16	71	16	125	125	91	871	584	287	1 96	.....
17	.....	.....	75	100	75	600	445	155	2 14	25
	232	110	1950	.....	.....	12,991	11,817	1174	3 42	4271

DISCIPLINARY COLLECTIONS.

East Baltimore District.	CHURCH EXTENSION.				Bible.
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.	Overpd	
Trinity.....	80	80	.....	.....	25
Calvary.....	30	30	.....	.....	.....
North Baltimore.....	18	15	3	.....	2
East Baltimore.....	17	.....	17	.....	.....
Taylor's Circuit.....	20	8	12	.....	.....
West Harford Mission.....	10	5	5	.....	5
East Harford.....	12	7	5	.....	.....
Talbot	35	13	22	.....	.....
Trappe.....	10	10	.....	.....	.....
Kent.....	21	21	.....	.....	.....
Queen Anne's	30	30	.....	.....	.....
Church Hill and Stevens.....	15	15	.....	.....	.....
Severn	15	15	.....	.....	.....
West River.....	34	14	20	.....	.....
Calvert.....	34	20	14	.....	.....
Prince George's.....	34	7	27	.....	.....
Charles and St. Mary's.....	30	10	20	.....	.....
	445	300	145	.....	32

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

Washington District.		Members.	PREACHER'S			
			Salary.		House Rent.	
			Est'd.	Paid.	Est'd.	Paid.
	Presiding Elder—J. S. Gardner.....		1600	1526		
1	Mt. Vernon Place—S. K. Cox.....	441	1600	1600	.....	.....
2	Alexandria—J. A. Kern.....	364	1200	1200	Par.	.....
3	Fall's Church—P. B. Smith.....	198	400	420	Par.	.....
4	Fairfax—D. F. Eutzler.....	262	525	469	56	56
5	Dranesville—J. H. Dulany.....	243	500	475	.....	.....
6	Leesburg—S. Rodgers.....	262	900	1000	Par.	.....
7	Hamilton—J. T. Williams.....	411	700	700	Par.	.....
8	Hillsboro—E. H. Henry.....	345	650	546	Par.	.....
	*Jno. Woolf.....			31	.....	.....
9	Middleburg—S. W. Haddaway.....	215	700	755	100	100
10	Loudon—A. A. P. Neel.....	450	800	752	Par.	.....
	J. N. McCormick.....		250	235	.....	.....
11	Piedmont and Linden—J. H. Waugh	441	700	655	Par.	.....
	A. Davisson.....		200	188	.....	.....
12	Warrenton—I. W. Canter.....	334	800	800	Par.	.....
13	Fauquier—J. H. Wolff.....	333	500	450	30	30
14	Occoquan—J. C. Jones.....	245	366	366	24	24
15	Sudley Miss.—J. S. Porter.....	212	400	235	16	.....
	J. D. Martin.....		150	88	.....	.....
16	Stafford—L. M. Lyle.....	464	650	605	60	50
17	Fredericksburg—J. S. Hutchinson..	254	900	900	Par.	.....
		5477	14,491	13,996	286	260

*For six months.

DISCIPLINARY COLLECTIONS.

Washington District.	BISHOP'S FUND.			SUP'D FUND.			EDUC. FUND.		
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.
Mt. Vernon Place.....	24	24	.....	154	154	.....	41	41	.....
Washington Mission.....			.....			.....			.....
Alexandria.....	20	20	.....	130	130	.....	35	35	.....
Fall's Church.....	9	9	.....	60	51	9	17	11	6
Fairfax.....	6	5	1	41	28	13	11	8	3
Dranesville.....	6	6	.....	40	38	2	11	6	5
Leesburg.....	13	16	.....	81	136	.....	22	35	.....
Hamilton.....	13	10	3	81	81	.....	22	14	8
Hillsboro.....	12	10	2	81	38	43	22	12	10
Middleburg.....	8	8	.....	53	53	.....	14	14	.....
Loudoun.....	16	16	.....	101	101	.....	27	22	5
Piedmont and Linden.....	19	19	.....	122	105	17	33	30	3
Warrenton.....	11	11	.....	73	73	.....	20	20	.....
Fauquier.....	7	7	.....	45	37	8	12	8	4
Occoquan.....	7	7	.....	45	45	.....	12	5	7
Sudley Mission.....	6	6	.....	40	40	.....	11	11	.....
Stafford.....	9	8	1	60	22	38	16	2	14
Fredericksburg.....	14	14	.....	89	89	.....	24	24	.....
African Mission.....			.....			.....			.....
	200	196	7	1296	1221	130	350	298	65
Overpaid.....			3			55			13
			4			75			5

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

ALLOWANCE.		Rent Value of Parsonage	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		TOTAL FOR MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.		Deficiency.	Payment per Member.	Paid for other objects	
	Trav. Expen.		Est'd	Paid.	Est'd.	Paid.				
1	.....	.....	190	190	1790	1790	.....	4 05	843	
2	.....	.....	200	160	1360	1360	.....	3 73	594	
3	15	15	150	75	490	510	Overp'd.	2 57	255	
4	.....	.....	50	45	631	570	61	2 17	85	
5	.....	.....	50	47	550	522	28	2 14	.....
6	5	5	300	100	1005	1105	Overp'd.	4 21	328	
7	.....	.....	100	100	800	800	.....	1 94	115	
8	.....	.....	100	100	83	750	660	90	1 91	70
9	.....	.....	65	65	865	920	Overp'd.	4 27	112	
10	15	15	200	125	117	1190	1119	71	2 43	251
11	.....	.....	150	150	140	1050	983	67	2 38	132
12	.....	.....	200	90	90	890	890	.....	2 66	135
13	.....	.....	55	55	50	585	530	55	1 57	60
14	.....	.....	55	55	445	445	.....	1 81	20	
15	25	12	26	50	29	641	364	277	1 71	26
16	10	10	.....	75	70	795	735	60	1 58	75
17	.....	.....	200	110	110	1010	1010	.....	3 97	522
	70	57	1626	.....	.....	14,847	14,313	709	2 61	3613
				Less overpaid.....				175		
				Real deficiency....				534		

DISCIPLINARY COLLECTIONS.

Washington District.	CHURCH EXTENSION.				Bible.
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.	Ov'pd	
Mt. Vernon Place.....	63	63	.....	.....	6
Washington Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Alexandria.....	53	25	28	.....	.....
Fall's Church.....	24	8	16	.....	.....
Fairfax.....	16	11	5	.....	.....
Dranesville.....	17	8	9	.....	.....
Leesburg.....	33	45	.....	12	17
Hamilton.....	33	22	11	.....	.....
Hillsboro.....	33	13	20	.....	2
Middleburg.....	21	21	.....	.....	.....
Loudoun.....	41	34	7	.....	6
Piedmont and Linden.....	38	30	8	.....	.....
Warrenton.....	30	30	.....	.....	2
Fauquier.....	18	9	9	.....	.....
Occoquan.....	18	12	6	.....	.....
Sudley Mission.....	17	.....	17	.....	.....
Stafford.....	24	2	22	.....	.....
Fredericksburg.....	36	36	.....	.....	.....
African Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	515	369	158	12	32

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

Winchester District.		Members.	PREACHER'S			
			Salary.		House Rent.	
			Est'd.	Paid.	Est'd.	Paid.
	Presiding Elder—P. H. Whisner . . .		1215	1177		
1	Winchester—J. S. Martin	456	1000	1000	185	185
2	Winchester Cir.—G. T. Tyler	471	750	810	Par.	.....
3	Cedarville—O. C. Beall	250	400	400	Par.	.....
4	Front Royal—W. A. Wade	207	750	750	Par.	.....
5	Warren Circuit—A. Robey	254	500	425	Par.	.....
6	Berryville—J. A. Anderson	505	600	600	Par.	.....
	J. O. Knott		150	150	.....	.....
7	Brucetown—J. W. Wolfe	369	650	650	Par.	.....
	E. Y. Ginn		225	225	.....	.....
8	Martinsburg—J. Landstreet	142	700	545	Par.	.....
9	Berkeley—F. A. Mercer	175	550	530	Par.	.....
10	Charlestown—J. L. Shipley	287	775	775	Par.	.....
11	Frederick Miss.—J. H. Temple	133	265	244	60	60
12	Jefferson—J. W. Mitchell	249	250	251	.....	.....
13	Shepherdstown—W. G. Eggleston	316	800	801	Par.	.....
14	Gainsboro—J. T. Maxwell	280	400	311	Par.	.....
15	Page Mission—	134	150	110	.....	.....
16	Strasburg Miss.—J. C. Sedwick	176	425	310	90	90
17	Shenandoah Miss.—G. O. Homan	171	300	260	30	30
18	Woodst'k & Edinb'g—J. R. Vanhorne	196	700	700	Par.	.....
		4771	11,555	11,024	365	365

DISCIPLINARY COLLECTIONS.

Winchester District.	BISHOP'S FUND.			SUP'D FUND.			EDUC. FUND.		
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.
Winchester	18	18	...	103	103	...	30	2	28
Winchester Circuit	13	16	...	75	85	...	22	26	...
Cedarville	7	7	...	39	33	6	12	8	4
Front Royal	10	10	...	60	60	...	18	18	...
Warren Circuit	6	6	...	32	10	22	9	1	8
Berryville	12	12	...	71	71	...	21	21	...
Brucetown	13	13	...	75	65	10	22	12	10
Martinsburg	6	6	...	35	35	...	10	5	5
Berkeley	6	6	...	36	28	8	10	5	5
Charlestown	11	11	...	64	66	...	18	18	...
Frederick Mission	4	4	...	21	21	...	6	2	4
Jefferson	6	6	...	36	20	16	...	...	...
Shepherdstown	12	12	...	71	71	...	21	21	...
Gainsboro	5	5	...	28	20	8	8	1	7
Page Mission	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Strasburg Mission	6	5	1	36	15	21	10	5	5
Shenandoah Mission	4	2	2	25	4	21	7	...	7
Woodstock and Edinburg	8	8	...	50	50	...	14	14	...
	148	148	3	857	757	112	238	159	85
Overpaid			3	...	...	12	...	...	4
			.....			100			81

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

ALLOWANCE.			Rent Value of Parsonage	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		TOTAL FOR MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.		Deficiency.	Payment per Member.	Paid for other objects
Trav. Expen.		Est'd.		Paid.	Est'd.	Paid.				
Est'd.	Paid.									
1	44	44	.....	145	145	1374	1374	.....	3 01	626
2	40	40	90	105	105	895	955	Overp'd.	2 02	169
3	.....	.....	80	55	55	455	455	.....	1 82	100
4	.....	.....	150	85	85	835	835	.....	4 03	66
5	.....	.....	75	45	45	545	470	75	1 85	30
6	50	50	150	100	100	900	900	.....	1 76	224
7	.....	.....	60	105	105	980	980	.....	2 65	200
8	.....	.....	200	50	40	750	585	165	4 11	106
9	.....	.....	75	50	50	600	580	20	3 31	60
10	.....	.....	250	90	90	865	865	.....	3 01	250
11	.....	.....	.....	30	30	355	334	21	2 51	120
12	.....	.....	.....	50	50	300	301	Overp'd.	1 20	101
13	.....	.....	150	100	100	900	901	Overp'd.	2 85	285
14	15	1	50	40	31	455	343	112	1 22	20
15	.....	.....	.....	10	10	160	120	40	89	.....
16	.....	.....	.....	50	39	565	439	126	2 49	97
17	.....	.....	.....	35	27	365	317	48	1 91	.....
18	.....	.....	75	70	70	770	770	.....	3 92	110
149		135	1405	.....	.....	12,069	11,524	607	2 41	2564
Less overpaid..... 62										
Real deficiency..... 545										

DISCIPLINARY COLLECTIONS.

Winchester District.	CHURCH EXTENSION.				Bible.
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.	Overpd	
Winchester.....	45	2	43	.....	.....
Winchester Circuit	33	35	.....	2	8
Cedarville.....	18	13	5	.....	.....
Front Royal.....	27	27	.....	.....	.....
Warren Circuit.....	13	1	12	.....	.....
Berryville.....	32	32	.....	.....	3
Brucetown.....	33	15	18	.....	.....
Martinsburg	15	10	5	.....	7
Berkeley.....	15	10	5	.....	2
Charlestown	27	27	.....	.....	12
Frederick Mission.....	9	2	7	.....	.....
Jefferson.....	15	10	5	.....	.....
Shepherdstown.....	31	31	.....	.....	6
Gainsboro.....	12	9	3	.....	.....
Page Mission.....	3	.....	3	.....	.....
Strasburg Mission.....	15	5	10	.....	.....
Shenandoah.....	11	.....	11	.....	.....
Woodstock and Edinburg.....	21	15	6	.....	.....
	375	244	133	2	38

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

Rockingham District.		Members.	PREACHER'S			
			Salary.		House Rent.	
			Est'd.	Paid.	Est'd.	Paid.
	Presiding Elder—J. C. Dice.....		1300	1255	Par.	.....
1	Staunton—R. Smittson.....	431	1100	1100	Par.	.....
2	Harrisonburg—J. E. Armstrong....	279	800	800	Par.	.....
3	Augusta—R. S. Cunningham.....	285	450	450	40	40
4	West Augusta—H. A. Brown.....	140	219	219	.....	.....
5	Bell Valley—G. T. D. Collins.....	274	400	349	Par.	.....
6	Monterey—C. A. Joyce.....	468	700	700	Par.	.....
7	Crab Bottom—C. L. Torreyson....	270	425	425	Par.	.....
8	Parnassas—H. A. Gaver.....	190	500	500	Par.	.....
9	Bridgewater—W. L. Lynch.....	622	600	600	Par.	.....
	B. W. Waters.....		275	275	.....	.....
10	Waynesboro'—H. W. Kinzer.....	103	550	550	Par.	.....
11	Mt. Sidney—R. H. Wilson.....	202	460	426	Par.	.....
12	Rockingham—J. S. Hopkins.....	222	400	400	Par.	.....
13	East Rockingham—H. M. Strickler..	425	550	550	Par.	.....
14	Port Republic—S. R. Snapp.....	158	411	397	Par.	.....
15	Milnes—L. R. Jones.....	82	600	600	Par.	.....
16	Furnace No. 2—A. B. Blue.....	276	300	216	Par.	.....
17	Luray—A. Weller.....	222	500	454	Par.	.....
18	Mt. Jackson—C. G. Linthicum.....	132	350	350	Par.	.....
19	New Market—R. M. Williams.....	105	325	275	Par.	.....
		4880	11,215	10,891	40	40

DISCIPLINARY COLLECTIONS.

Rockingham District.	BISHOP'S FUND.			SUP'D FUND.			EDUC. FUND.		
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.
Staunton.....	18	18	....	108	108	...	31	31	....
Harrisonburg.....	14	14	....	72	72	....	23	23	....
Augusta.....	6	6	..	36	36	....	10	10	....
West Augusta.....	2	2	....	13	13	....	4	4	....
Bell Valley.....	6	2	4	36	12	24	11	5	6
Monterey.....	11	11	....	63	50	13	18	9	9
Crab Bottom.....	6	3	3	36	15	21	10	5	5
Parnassus.....	8	6	2	45	25	20	13	5	8
Bridgewater.....	14	14	....	74	74	..	22	22	....
Waynesboro.....	9	9	....	50	40	10	14	7	7
Mount Sidney..	8	6	2	43	28	15	12	12	....
Rockingham.....	6	3	3	36	15	21	10	2	8
East Rockingham.....	9	9	....	52	52	....	16	16	...
Port Republic.....	6	5	1	37	15	22	11	3	8
Milnes.....	9	9	....	54	54	...	15	13	2
Furnace No. 2.....	3	1	2	22	10	12	...	...	...
Luray.....	8	4	4	45	35	10	13	...	13
Mount Jackson.....	5	5	....	32	14	18	9	2	7
New Market.....	2	....	2	10	....	10	3	....	3
	150	127	23	864	668	196	245	169	76

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

ALLOWANCE.			Rent Value of Parsonage	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		TOTAL FOR MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.		Deficiency.	Payment per Member.	Paid for other objects
Trav. Expen.				Est'd.	Paid.	Est'd.	Paid.			
Est'd	Paid.									
1	.....	.....	*550	162	162	1262	1262	.....	2 92	335
2	4	4	175	108	108	912	912	.....	3 27	302
3	.....	.....	.....	54	54	544	544	.....	1 90	100
4	.....	.....	.....	21	21	240	240	.....	1 71	25
5	.....	.....	36	54	41	454	390	64	1 42	43
6	.....	.....	50	95	95	795	795	.....	1 69	50
7	8	8	130	54	54	487	487	.....	1 80	25
8	75	15	100	68	60	643	575	68	3 02	30
9	35	35	60	112	112	1022	1022	.....	1 64	154
10	.....	.....	100	74	74	624	624	.....	6 05	90
11	.....	.....	50	65	61	525	487	38	2 41	43
12	.....	.....	30	54	54	454	454	.....	2 04	115
13	24	24	100	78	78	652	652	.....	1 53	100
14	.....	.....	36	56	54	467	451	16	2 60	.....
15	64	64	250	81	81	745	745	.....	9 08	280
16	.....	.....	60	34	24	334	240	94	87	25
17	.....	.....	100	68	62	568	516	52	2 32	58
18	.....	.....	75	47	47	397	397	.....	3 00	.....
19	.....	.....	30	15	13	340	288	52	2 74	15
	210	150	1832	.....	.....	11,465	11,081	384	2 27	1590

*This includes value of both Station and District Parsonage.

DISCIPLINARY COLLECTIONS.

Rockingham District.	CHURCH EXTENSION.				Bible.
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defc.	Ov'pd	
Staunton	46	46	.....	.....	.....
Harrisonburg	34	34	.....	.....	.....
Augusta	15	15	.....	.....	.....
West Augusta	6	6	.....	.....	.....
Bell's Valley	16	2	14	.....	.....
Monterey	27	10	17	.....	10
Crab Bottom	15	6	9	.....	3
Parnassus	20	5	15	.....	.....
Bridgewater	33	33	.....	.....	10
Waynesboro	21	10	11	.....	.....
Mount Sidney	18	11	7	.....	.....
Rockingham	15	15	.....	.....	.....
East Rockingham	24	24	.....	.....	3
Port Republic	16	8	8	.....	.....
Milnes	23	11	12	.....	.....
Furnace No. 2	7	2	5	.....	.....
Luray	21	5	16	.....	.....
Mount Jackson	13	13	.....	.....	.....
New Market	5	.....	5	.....	.....
	375	256	119	.....	26

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

Roanoke District.		Members.	PREACHER'S			
			Salary.		House Rent.	
			Est'd.	Paid.	Est'd.	Paid.
	Presiding Elder—G. H. Zimmerman		1200	1091	Par.	.....
1	Salem—L. R. Green	280	750	750	Par.	.....
2	Roanoke—L. L. Lloyd	177	600	600	Par.	.....
3	Roanoke Circuit—B. S. Highly	284	500	479	Par.	.....
4	Blacksburg—A. E. Bradenbaugh	231	550	550	Par.	.....
5	Christiansburg—C. L. Dameron	212	600	600	Par.	.....
6	Fincastle—Collins Denny	186	500	510	Par.	.....
7	Amsterdam Mission—W. W. Watts	225	300	293	Par.	.....
8	Lexington—L. C. Miller	205	700	700	150	150
9	Lexington Cir. Miss.—J. K. Gilbert	150	310	310	Par.	.....
10	Newport—W. E. Miller	292	600	495	Par.	.....
11	Lafayette—W. O. Ross	242	350	248	.....	.....
12	Upper Botetourt—O. F. Burgess	164	450	450	Par.	.....
13	Newcastle Mission—W. W. Hedrick	191	250	186	.....	.....
14	Catawba—Robert Ross	290	200	200	.....	.....
15	Collierstown—F. Furr	150	273	214	Par.	.....
16	James River Mission—J. T. Smith	176	360	171	60	40
17	Fairfield—H. D. Bishop	287	330	246	Par.	.....
	R. S. Hill, Supply	.....	.....	17	.....	.....
18	Mt. Bethel Mission—A. C. McNeer	116	180	120	.....	.....
		3858	9003	8230	210	190

DISCIPLINARY COLLECTIONS.

Roanoke District.	BISHOP'S FUND.			SUP'D FUND.			EDUC. FUND.		
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.
Salem	15	15	.....	60	60	.....	18	18	.....
Roanoke	6	6	.....	35	35	.....	12	5	7
Roanoke Circuit	6	6	.....	35	25	10	12	4	8
Blacksburg	9	9	.....	48	48	.....	13	13	.....
Christiansburg	9	5	4	48	25	23	13	2	11
Fincastle	7	7	.....	35	35	.....	11	11	.....
Amsterdam Mission	7	7	.....	32	28	4	10	8	2
Lexington	8	8	.....	50	50	.....	15	15	.....
Lexington Circuit Mission	6	5	1	30	19	11	9	5	4
Newport	9	5	4	48	13	35	13	.....	13
Lafayette	6	5	1	35	15	20	9	7	2
Upper Botetourt	7	7	.....	35	35	.....	10	10	.....
Newcastle Mission	4	4	.....	20	9	11	6	2	4
Catawba	4	3	1	20	15	5	6	4	2
Collierstown	3	1	2	15	10	5	5	2	3
James River Mission	6	.....	6	35	3	32	9	.....	9
Fairfield	6	4	2	35	23	12	15	6	9
Mount Bethel Mission	2	2	.....	10	4	6	3	1	2
	120	99	21	626	452	174	189	113	76

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

ALLOWANCE.		Rent Value of Parsonage	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		TOTAL FOR MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.		Deficiency.	Payment per Member.	Paid for other objects	
	Trav. Expen.		Est'd.	Paid.	Est'd	Paid.				
1	.....	.....	150	125	125	875	875	.....	3 12	237
2	.....	.....	200	60	60	660	660	.....	3 72	200
3	.....	.....	200	60	57	560	536	24	1 81	100
4	.....	.....	100	85	85	635	635	.....	2 75	55
5	.....	.....	100	85	85	685	685	.....	3 23	90
6	.....	.....	125	75	75	575	585	Overp'd	3 15	66
7	44	44	60	60	59	404	396	8	1 76	80
8	10	10	.....	100	100	960	960	.....	4 63	137
9	.....	.....	80	60	60	370	370	.....	2 46	5
10	57	23	100	80	66	737	584	153	2 00	50
11	.....	.....	.....	60	42	410	290	120	1 19	50
12	.....	.....	100	65	65	515	515	.....	3 14	30
13	.....	.....	.....	40	30	290	216	74	1 13	10
14	.....	.....	.....	40	40	240	240	.....	82	.....
15	27	27	60	50	39	350	280	70	1 86	15
16	.....	.....	.....	60	33	480	244	236	1 34	6
17	.....	.....	40	65	50	395	313	82	1 09	23
18	.....	.....	.....	30	20	210	140	70	1 20	2
138		104	1315	.....	.....	9351	8524	837	2 20	1156
Less overpaid..... 10										
Real deficiency..... 827										

DISCIPLINARY COLLECTIONS.

Roanoke District. . .	CHURCH EXTENSION.				
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.	Overp'd	Bible.
Salem	27	27	.....	.....	35
Roanoke.....	18	9	9	.....	15
Roanoke Circuit.....	18	6	12	.....	.....
Blacksburg	19	19	.....	.....	.....
Christiansburg.....	19	24	.....	5	.....
Fincastle	15	15	.....	.....	.....
Amsterdam Mission	12	9	3	.....	.....
Lexington.....	23	23	.....	.....	5
Lexington Circuit Mission.....	13	8	5	.....	.....
Newport.....	22	.....	22	.....	.....
Lafayette.....	15	8	7	.....	.....
Upper Botetourt.....	15	15	.....	.....	.....
Newcastle Mission	9	2	7	.....	.....
Catawba	9	6	3	.....	.....
Collierstown.....	7	2	5	.....	.....
James River Mission	15	1	14	.....	.....
Fairfield.....	15	10	5	.....	1
Mt. Bethel Mission.....	4	1	3	.....	.....
	275	185	95	5	56

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

Lewisburg District.		Members.	PREACHER'S			
			Salary.		House Rent.	
			Est'd.	Paid.	Est'd	Paid.
	Presiding Elder—D. Bush.....		1300	1164	Par.	.....
1	Lewisburg—E. G. Vandiver.....	204	483	483	Par.	.....
2	Frankford—L. H. Graybill.....	459	600	569	Par.	.....
	J. H. Coffman.....		100	95	.....	.....
3	Blue Sulphur—J. L. Henderson....	184	300	266	Par.	.....
4	Centreville—A. Q. Flaherty.....	334	500	411	Par.	.....
5	Hinton—D. L. Reid.....	98	425	425	.....	.....
6	Talcott—R. M. Wheeler.....	293	375	355	.....	.....
7	Union—J. L. Kibler.....	140	500	500	Par	.....
8	Hillsdale Mission—J. Miller.....	151	250	250	.....	.....
9	Alderson and Ronce—W. N. Wagner	212	560	420	Par.	.....
10	White Sulphur—W. H. Woolf.....	51	300	300	.....	.....
11	Covington—A. O. Armstrong.	157	500	477	Par.	.....
12	Alvon Mission—J. W. Canter.	125	200	135	Par.	.....
13	Levelton—S. Townsend... ..	268	535	514	Par.	.....
14	Huntersville—J. C. Thrasher.....	135	225	225	.....	.....
15	Edray Mission—J. E. Moore....	72	100	53	.....	.....
16	Highland—L. R. Markwood	166	425	365	Par.	.....
17	Healing Springs Mission—A. Boone.	39	180	60	.....	.....
18	Greenbank—L. Fox.....	139	400	337	Par.	.....
19	Warm Springs—J. J. Crickenberger.	165	400	196	Par.	.....
20	Hebron—W. M. Hiner.....	58	30	30	.....	.....
		3390	8688	7630	.....	.....

DISCIPLINARY COLLECTIONS.

Lewisburg District.	BISHOP'S FUND.			SUP'D FUND.			EDUC. FUND.		
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.
Lewisburg.	11	11	....	62	62	....	18	11	7
Frankford	10	7	3	62	43	19	15	10	5
Blue Sulphur... ..	5	4	1	30	11	19	8	4	4
Centreville.....	8	7	1	47	30	17	14	7	7
Hinton	5	5	....	30	30	....	8	8	....
Talcott	5	3	2	30	14	16	8	2	6
Union	8	8	....	47	47	....	14	14	....
Hillsdale Mission.....	4	4	....	23	23	....	6	6	....
Alderson and Ronceverte Mission.	6	2	4	38	17	21	11	3	8
White Sulphur.....	2	2	....	15	15	....	4	4	....
Covington	8	5	3	47	24	23	14	4	10
Alvon Mission.	3	2	1	15	4	11	4	1	3
Levelton.	9	6	3	50	30	20	14	14	....
Huntersville.....	5	4	1	27	20	7	8	3	5
Edray Mission.....	2	....	2	12	..	12	4	....	4
Highland.....	7	7	....	38	9	29	10	....	10
Healing Springs Mission.....	3	1	2	10	4	6	3	1	2
Greenbank.....	8	3	5	42	14	28	12	4	8
Warm Springs Mission.....	3	2	1	20	5	15	6	2	4
Hebron.....	1	....	1	5	....	5	1	....	1
	113	83	30	612	393	219	172	98	74

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

ALLOWANCE.			Rent Value of Parsonage	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		TOTAL FOR MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.		Deficiency.	Payment per Member.	Paid for other objects
	Trav. Expen.			Est'd.	Paid.	Est'd.	Paid.			
1	.....	.....	220	125	125	608	608	.....	2 98	333
2	40	40	60	120	114	860	818	42	1 78	25
3	.....	.....	30	60	53	360	319	41	1 73	3
4	.....	.....	50	95	79	595	490	105	1 46	30
5	.....	.....	.....	60	60	485	485	.....	4 94	60
6	.....	.....	.....	60	58	435	413	22	1 40	.....
7	.....	.....	75	95	95	595	595	.....	4 25	63
8	4	4	.....	45	45	299	299	.....	1 98	20
9	.....	.....	120	75	56	635	476	159	2 24	53
10	10	10	.....	30	30	340	340	.....	6 66	30
11	.....	.....	75	95	87	595	564	31	3 59	40
12	5	5	50	30	20	235	160	75	1 28	.....
13	90	90	150	100	96	725	700	25	2 61	30
14	25	25	.....	50	55	305	305	.....	2 25	20
15	.....	.....	.....	25	17	125	70	55	.....	.....
16	12	.....	.....	75	64	512	429	83	2 57	.....
17	.....	.....	.....	20	15	200	75	125	1 92	.....
18	.....	.....	50	85	71	485	408	77	2 93	43
19	.....	.....	30	40	19	440	215	225	2 14	10
20	.....	.....	.....	10	5	40	35	5	60	.....
	186	174	910	.....	.....	8874	7804	1070	2 30	759

DISCIPLINARY COLLECTIONS.

Lewisburg District.	CHURCH EXTENSION.				Bible.
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.	Ov'pd	
Lewisburg.....	26	26	.....	.....	9
Frankford.....	25	10	15	.....	4
Blue Sulphur.....	13	1	12	.....	.....
Centreville.....	20	5	15	.....	2
Hinton.....	13	13	.....	.....	7
Talcott.....	13	4	9	.....	.....
Union.....	20	20	.....	.....	10
Hillsdale Mission.....	10	10	.....	.....	.....
Alderson and Ronceverte.....	16	8	8	.....	6
White Sulphur.....	6	6	.....	.....	.....
Covington.....	20	10	10	.....	.....
Alvon Mission.....	6	1	5	.....	.....
Levelton.....	21	12	9	.....	.....
Huntersville.....	12	3	9	.....	.....
Edray Mission.....	5	.....	5	.....	.....
Highland.....	16	.....	16	.....	.....
Healing Springs.....	4	1	3	.....	.....
Greenbank.....	18	6	12	.....	.....
Warm Springs.....	9	3	6	.....	.....
Hebron.....	2	.....	2	.....	.....
	275	139	136	.....	38

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

Moorefield District.		Members.	PREACHER'S			
			Salary.		House Rent.	
			Est'd.	Paid.	Est'd.	Paid.
	Presiding Elder—W. G. Hammond..		1035	890	Par.	....
1	Moorefield—S. G. Ferguson.....	263	700	700	Par.	.....
2	Petersburg—J. O. Tackett.....	133	300	300	.....	.....
3	Franklin—W. E. Woolf.....	335	500	378	Par.	.....
4	Circleville—H. D. Anville.....	127	130	125	.....	.....
5	Keyser—J. H. Davidson	164	450	456	96	96
6	North Branch Mission—	59	No Rep.	.....	.....	.....
7	Piedmont—J. F. Baggs.....	120	350	350	.....	.....
8	Frostburg Miss.—A. M. Cackley....	175	475	340	100	100
9	Listonburg—W. B. Dorsey.....	214	300	300	.....	.....
10	Flintstone Miss.—L. G. Martin.....	243	550	411	150	.....
11	South Branch—W. Hammond.....	360	700	633	Par.	.....
12	H. M. Roane.....		100	85	.....	.....
	Springfield—L. Butt.	376	600	600	Par.	.....
13	Hardy—W. Hedges.....	191	200	100	.....	.....
14	Morgan Miss —J. Trezise.	156	300	193	Par.	.....
15	Capon Bridge—R. Smith.....	240	450	350	17	17
16	Wardensville—	137	No Rep.	.....	.....	.....
		3193	7140	6211	363	213

DISCIPLINARY COLLECTIONS.

Moorefield District.	BISHOP'S FUND.			SUP'D FUND.			EDUC. FUND.		
	Ass'd.	Paid	Defic.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.
Moorefield	12	12	....	63	63	....	19	13	6
Petersburg.....	6	4	2	35	22	13	10	6	4
Franklin.....	10	5	5	57	7	50	16	4	12
Circleville.....									
Keyser... ..	8	8	....	44	40	4	12	8	4
North Branch Mission.....									
Piedmont.....	8	3	5	46	5	41	12	1	11
Frostburg Mission.....	6	4	2	37	15	22	11	2	9
Listonburg.	6	4	2	37	22	15	10	6	4
Flintstone Mission.....	8	4	4	45	8	37	14	3	11
South Branch.....	12	12	....	69	30	39	20	8	12
Springfield	10	10	....	57	61	....	16	16	....
Hardy.....	5	5	....	29	10	19	9	....	9
Morgan Mission.....	3	2	1	15	3	12	5	1	4
Wardensville.	11	10	1	50	25	25	20	5	15
Capon Bridge.....	7	5	2	38	15	23	11	2	9
	112	88	24	622	326	300	185	75	110
Overpaid						4			
						296			

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

ALLOWANCE.			Rent Value of Parsonage	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		TOTAL FOR MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.		Deficiency.	Payment per Member.	Paid for other objects
	Trav. Expen.			Est'd	Paid.	Est'd.	Paid.			
	Est'd.	Paid								
1	150	115	115	815	815	.....	3 09	150
2	60	60	360	360	.....	2 70	59
3	50	100	77	600	455	145	1 35	66
4	25	16	155	141	14	1 11	.....
5	21	.....	.....	75	75	642	627	15	3 82	97
6
7	80	80	430	430	.....	3 58	106
8	65	46	640	486	154	2 77	100
9	65	65	365	365	.....	1 70	100
10	80	53	780	464	316	1 90	40
11	250	125	107	925	825	100	2 29	85
12	75	100	100	700	700	.....	1 86	50
13	50	25	250	125	125	65	.....
14	50	25	16	325	209	116	1 34	.....
15	2	.....	.....	70	55	539	422	117	48	25
16
	23	.....	575	.....	.....	7526	6424	1102	2 01	878

DISCIPLINARY COLLECTIONS.

		CHURCH EXTENSION.				
Moorefield District.		Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.	Ov'pd	Bible.
Moorefield	.....	28	12	16	.....	5
Petersburg	.....	15	8	7	.....	.....
Frauklin	.....	24	4	20	.....	.....
Circleville	.....	7	.....	7	.....	.....
Keyser	.....	18	7	11	.....	2
North Branch Mission	.....	9	.....	9	.....	.....
Piedmont	.....	19	5	14	.....	.....
Frostburg Mission	.....	17	4	13	.....	.....
Listonburg	.....	17	10	7	.....	.....
Flintstone	.....	19	3	16	.....	.....
South Branch	.....	30	12	18	.....	.....
Springfield	.....	24	24	.....	.....	.....
Hardy	.....	14	.....	14	.....	.....
Morgan Mission	.....	8	1	7	.....	.....
Wardensville	.....	10	.....	10	.....	.....
Capon Bridge	.....	17	.....	17	.....	.....
		276	90	186	.....	7

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

	DISTRICTS.	Members.	PREACHER'S			
			Salary.		House Rent.	
			Est'd.	Paid.	Est'd.	Paid.
1	Baltimore.....	3381	12640	12567	750	750
2	East Baltimore.....	3454	12490	11472	269	235
3	Washington.....	5477	14491	13996	286	260
4	Winchester.....	4771	11555	11024	365	365
5	Rockingham.....	4880	11215	10891	40	40
6	Roanoke.....	3858	9003	8230	210	190
7	Lewisburg.....	3390	8688	7630	.....	.....
8	Moorefield.....	3193	7141	6211	363	213
	Total this year.....	32404	87222	82021	2283	2053
	Total last year.....	31970	85555	79737	2370	2275
	Increase.....	434	1667	2284	.....	.....
	Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	87	222

DISCIPLINARY COLLECTIONS.

DISTRICTS.	BISHOP'S FUND.			SUP'D FUND.			EDUC. FUND.		
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.
Baltimore.....	179	179	....	1048	922	126	275	229	46
East Baltimore.....	184	164	20	971	859	112	300	219	81
Washington.....	200	196	4	1296	1221	75	350	298	52
Winchester.....	148	148	....	857	757	100	238	159	79
Rockingham..	150	127	23	864	668	196	245	169	76
Roanoke.....	120	99	21	626	452	174	189	113	76
Lewisburg.....	113	83	30	612	393	219	172	98	74
Moorefield.....	112	88	24	622	326	296	185	75	110
	1206	1084	122	6896	5598	1298	1954	1360	594

RÉCAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

ALLOWANCE.			Rent Value of Parsonage	PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM.		TOTAL FOR MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.		Deficiency.	Payment per Member.	Paid for other objects
	Trav. Expen			Est'd.	Paid	Est'd	Paid.			
	Est'd.	Paid.								
1	83	83	1080	1745	1715	13473	13400	73	3 96	4871
2	232	110	1950	1690	1543	12991	11817	1174	3 42	4271
3	70	57	1626	1600	1526	14847	14313	534	2 61	3613
4	149	135	1405	1215	1177	12069	11524	545	2 41	2564
5	210	150	1832	1300	1255	11465	11081	384	2 27	1590
6	138	104	1315	1200	1091	9351	8524	827	2 20	1156
7	186	174	910	1300	1164	8874	7804	1070	2 30	759
8	23	.....	575	1035	890	7526	6424	1102	2 01	878
	1091	813	11693	11085	10361	90596	84887	5709	2 61	19702
	889	811	7838	11238	10500	88814	82823	5991	2 59	26029
	202	2	3855	.....	.....	1782	2064	.....	02	.....
	.....	.....	.....	153	139	.. . .	.....	282	.....	6327

DISCIPLINARY COLLECTIONS.

DISTRICTS.	CHURCH EXTENSION.				Bible.
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Defic.	Ov'pd	
Baltimore.....	450	335	122	7	17
East Baltimore.....	445	300	145	.....	32
Washington.....	515	369	158	12	33
Winchester.....	375	244	133	2	38
Rockingham.....	375	256	119	.....	26
Roanoke.....	275	185	95	5	56
Lewisburg.....	275	139	136	.....	38
Moorefield.....	276	90	186	.....	7
	2986	1918	1094	26	247

T. J. MAGRUDER,
Treasurer Joint Board of Finance.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Baltimore District.			MEMBERS.		ADDITIONS.		REMOVALS.				BAPTISMS.			
			Local Preachers.	White.	Colored.	By Certificate.	By Profession of Faith.	By Death.	By Certificate.	Without Cer.	By Withdrawal.	By Expulsion.	By Church Conf.	Children.	Adults.
1	Central.....	..	214	...	5	4	1	6	...	...	3	13	1
2	St. Paul's.....	..	500	...	12	38	8	8	17	7	...	32	4	
3	Emmanuel.....	..	172	...	12	4	1	5	3	...	...	17	...
4	Frederick Avenue.....	..	72	...	...	2	...	5	...	...	...	14	...
5	Reisterstown.....	..	202	...	6	16	4	3	5	3	13	12	2	
6	Arlington.....	..	73	...	4	2	2	2	...	1	...	3	...	
7	Freedom.....	3	249	...	6	22	...	2	...	1	...	8	...	
8	Linganore.....	..	282	...	7	43	1	5	4	8	5	40	10	
9	Frederick City.....	..	72	...	3	...	...	2	...	...	2	1	...
10	Rockville.....	2	598	...	11	59	5	22	...	3	...	77	18	
11	Montgomery.....	..	260	...	3	36	4	4	...	...	...	14	8
12	Bladensburg and Emory....	..	71	...	...	2	3	3	5	1	...	18	...
13	Beltsville.....	..	135	...	3	4	...	4	...	...	...	13	2
14	Wesley Grove.....	..	257	...	1	39	4	...	...	...	...	20	...
15	Laurel and Grace.....	..	50	...	4	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...
16	Patuxent.....	..	104	...	1	3	...	3	8	1	5	15	...	
17	Upper Marlboro'.....	..	70	...	2	45	3	2	...	1	...	4	2	
			53381	...	80	319	36	81	42	26	563	301	47	
East Baltimore.														
1	Trinity.....	2	462	...	19	16	6	8	...	...	...	12	4
2	Calvary.....	2	329	...	25	11	6	13	9	5	...	14	2	
3	North Baltimore.....	..	131	...	4	5	1	10	...	...	...	6	2
4	East Baltimore.....	..	83	...	1	1	4	11	...	...	10	10	...
5	Taylor's Circuit.....	..	124	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	9	2
6	West Harford.....	1	72	...	...	5	1	1	...	...	...	23	2
7	East Harford.....	..	115	...	1	9	3	...	1	...	...	9	1
8	Talbot.....	5	295	...	4	15	4	2	12	10	3	30	...	
9	Trappe.....	..	78	...	1	12	3	2	...	...	1	10	...
10	Kent.....	..	87	...	2	2	1	...	...	...	1	5	...
11	Queen Anne's....	2	268	...	2	32	4	11	7	5	4	19	1	
12	Church Hill and Stevens...	..	100	...	2	4	1	1	...	...	2	25	...
13	Severn.....	..	200	...	7	35	3	...	...	...	...	10	...
14	West River.....	..	284	...	...	10	...	7	...	...	...	7	...
15	Calvert.....	2	322	...	1	11	4	2	...	...	2	55	...
16	Prince George's.....	2	296	...	...	4	11	1	...	...	...	4	...
17	Charles and St. Mary's....	..	208	...	...	12	9	...	1	...	...	14	2
			163454	...	69	187	62	69	29	21	122	262	16	

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						
	CHURCH EDIFICES.				PARSONAGES.				MEMBERS.						
	Number.	Probable Value.	Am't raised for bld'g & imp'ng.	Present Indebtedness.	Number.	Probable Value.	Am't raised for bld'g & imp'ng.	Present Indebtedness.	No. of S. S.	Officers and Teachers.	Total No. of Sch'l's all ages.	Number in Infant Class.	Volumes in Library.	Conversions in Schools.	Expenses of Schools.
1	1	20000	110	4000*	..	.....	...	...	1	23	200	88	650	3	245
2	1	43000	2300	.....	..	.....	...	...	1	42	650	293	650	50	300
3	2	19600	8000	10000	..	.....	...	...	1	23	222	82	250	4	389
4	..	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	...	...	1	15	155	45	250	1	27
5	2	6000	125	.....	1	3500	140	.....	2	30	225	70	425	12	61
6	1	5000	65	.....	1	1500	165	...	1	11	122	44	320	...	150
7	5	5500	200	20	1	2500	675	200	6	41	225	30	.....	12	91
8	5	9300	496	.....	1	1600	148	.....	5	59	408	105	1107	14	211
9	1	8000	.....	350	.....	.....	...	...	1	12	75	30	425	...	27
10	8	18600	1527	482	1	4000	241	.....	7	78	458	158	660	31	181
11	5	6000	235	400	..	.....	132	.....	6	71	403	65	837	15	102
12	2	8000	228	.....	1	700	84	.....	2	16	101	37	400	...	147
13	4	9000	155	.....	..	.....	...	...	3	22	121	18	541	1	66
14	4	4000	25	300	..	.....	86	...	4	41	222	.....	500	...	88
15	2	4000	115	215	..	.....	...	...	1	17	125	30	100	...	65
16	4	5400	530	12	1	1200	700	300	3	12	50	15	100	...	10
17	1	1200	289	.....	..	.....	...	...	2	24	150	15	.....	15	...
	48	172600	14400	15779	7	15000	2371	500	47	537	3912	1125	7215	158	2160
1	1	40000	4449	.....	1	6000	60	.....	1	37	485	160	960	11	500
2	1	12000	567	.....	1	2000	30	.....	1	22	201	78	214	4	85
3	1	3000	371	206	..	.....	...	...	1	13	128	...	365	...	125
4	1	10000	.....	3603	..	.....	...	...	1	8	40	20	200	...	64
5	4	6200	45	.....	1	2000	.....	.....	3	27	129	16	442	...	60
6	3	4900	41	200	..	.....	...	...	3	14	125	25	505	...	28
7	2	4000	50	.....	..	.....	...	...	2	21	130	50	300	8	87
8	6	13500	.....	.....	..	.....	...	...	5	33	172	.....	500	...	65
9	1	4500	140	.....	..	.....	340	.....	1	8	46	8	210	8	50
10	2	4000	.....	.....	1	2540	2540	.....	2	13	57	16	225	1	20
11	5	6800	528	.....	1	1600	104	.....	5	41	231	59	675	...	116
12	2	3500	2120	131	..	.....	...	...	2	16	137	30	175	...	92
13	4	2800	144	.....	..	.....	...	...	4	28	122	21	422	24	77
14	4	6000	370	...	1	2000	45	.....	4	38	230	70	800	5	50
15	6	7400	500	.....	1	1000	160	.....	7	60	260	20	370	5	30
16	6	3500	.....	.....	1	1600	10	.....	4	18	100	.....	207	...	21
17	5	4800	325	.....	1	800	13	.....	2	18	75	.....	200	2	20
	54	136900	9650	4140	9	19540	3302	.....	48	415	2668	573	6710	68	1490

* \$200 Ground Rent, capitalized at 5 per cent.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

		Local Preachers.	MEMBERS.		ADDI- TIONS.		REMOVALS.						BAP- TISMS.	
			White.	Colored.	By Certificate.	By Profession of Faith.	By Death.	By Certificate.	Without Cer.	By Withdrawal.	By Expulsion.	By Church Con.	Children.	Adults.
Washington District.														
1	Mt. Vernon Place.....	4	441	....	19	26	3	4	4	..	..	..	19	7
2	Washington Mission.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3	Alexandria .....	..	364	..	6	8	12	11	5	3	..	..	17	3
4	Fall's Church.....	..	198	..	7	7	2	..	..	..	9	..	14	1
5	Fairfax.....	2	262	..	2	19	2	4	..	1	13	..	7	14
6	Dranesville.....	2	243	..	1	35	1	1	3	3	..	..	9	27
7	Leesburg .....	..	262	..	5	2	2	15	..	2	6	..	..	..
8	Hamilton.....	2	411	..	12	85	2	7	..	3	12	..	9	47
9	Hillsboro.....	..	345	..	5	10	4	3	1	..	8	..	7	7
10	Middleburg.....	..	215	..	7	19	3	8	..	..	1	..	2	9
11	Loudoun	2	450	..	27	28	6	26	2	12	5	..	2	21
12	Piedmont and Linden.....	..	441	2	13	18	1	13	1	4	9	..	2	12
13	Warrenton.. ..	2	334	3	17	41	3	5	5	1	..	..	4	27
14	Fauquier	1	336	..	8	12	4	4	6	..	2	4	1	6
15	Occoquan.....	..	245	..	6	45	7	7	9	13	2	..	21	25
16	Sudley Mission.....	1	212	1	6	26	1	2	11	1	3	..	..	20
17	Stafford.	2	464	2	2	53	9	4	14	..	4	..	13	36
18	Fredericksburg.....	..	254	..	5	13	9	7	4	2	..	..	1	7
19	African Mission.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Winchester.		18	5477	8	148	457	71	121	65	45	375	128	269	
1	Winchester	1	456	....	13	12	6	12	8	1	..	..	7	5
2	Winchester Circuit.....	1	471	..	16	34	4	18	17	2	2	4	5	16
3	Cedarville .....	..	250	..	7	4	..	5	1	..	..	..	4	..
4	Front Royal.....	3	207	..	6	5	2	9	1	..	..	..	3	3
5	Warren.....	..	254	..	..	8	2	3	..	..	..	..	2	6
6	Berryville.....	2	505	..	11	49	1	21	3	5	15	..	3	29
7	Brucetown.....	..	369	..	4	32	6	20	10	6	15	..	6	18
8	Martinsburg.....	1	142	..	6	1	3	3	..	..	..	..	14	1
9	Berkeley.....	..	175	..	8	..	3	11	..	2	2	..	7	..
10	Charlestown.....	..	287	..	7	15	6	12	9	2	3	..	33	9
11	Frederick Mission.....	1	133	..	4	28	1	2	1	..	6	..	10	15
12	Jefferson.....	..	249	..	3	77	..	1	..	2	2	..	58	29
13	Shepherdstown .....	..	316	..	14	21	6	22	12	..	1	10	15	3
14	Gainsboro	1	280	..	5	1	2	5	2	..	..	..	5	1
15	Page.....	..	134	..	2	25	2	2	2	2	..	1	..	21
16	Strasburg.....	3	176	..	2	2	3	1	3	..	3	..	2	..
17	Shenandoah.....	1	171	..	3	10	1	3	..	..	..	..	3	5
18	Woodstock and Edinburg..	1	196	..	9	5	8	8	1	1	..	..	4	6
		15	4771	....	120	329	56	158	70	23	361	181	167	

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						
	CHURCH EDIFICES.				PARSONAGES.				MEMBERS.				Volumes in Library	Conversions in Schools.	Expenses of Schools.
	Number.	Probable Value.	Am't raised for bld'g & imp'ng	Present Indebtedness.	Number.	Probable Value.	Am't raised for bld'g & imp'ng	Present Indebtedness.	No. of S. S.	Officers and Teachers.	Total No. of Schl'rs, all ages	Number in Infant Classes.			
1	1	50000	.....	3000	..	.....	55	.....	1	34	320	125	732	12	260
2	2	15500	87	.....	1	3000	43	.....	2	49	389	103	772	1	243
3	2	6000	248	.....	1	1200	687	.....	2	32	124	50	500	3	53
4	4	7000	75	60	1	1000	735	.....	6	47	272	115	587	14	93
5	3	2800	.....	105	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	41	230	32	360	24	60
6	1	10000	120	.....	1	4000	181	261	1	26	154	44	485	3	169
7	4	3000	300	300	1	1200	50	500	4	43	302	72	250	40	103
8	5	7000	177	.....	1	1500	80	400	6	70	325	83	800	3	115
9	2	6180	990	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	11	91	13	100	2	25
10	7	8000	45	.....	1	3000	.....	.....	8	92	420	101	1277	15	123
11	7	7200	.....	.....	1	1600	457	262	7	82	386	84	725	5	187
12	4	11000	535	.....	1	2500	739	.....	4	58	290	.....	800	8	80
13	3	4500	25	.....	1	1400	850	500	5	58	270	56	600	6	40
14	5	3900	633	160	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	36	223	85	570	25	80
15	3	1900	300	.....	1	800	400	400	4	43	188	.....	300	.....	37
16	7	6500	525	.....	.....	45	.....	.....	9	65	390	85	450	20	105
17	1	10000	4656	.....	1	3000	57	.....	1	27	160	40	300	13	130
18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
19	61	160480	8716	3775	12	24200	4379	2323	70	814	4534	1088	9608	194	1903
1	1	8000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	54	413	125	530	.....	134
2	3	8000	142	.....	1	1200	141	.....	5	105	444	121	950	20	192
3	3	3000	75	.....	1	1200	97	146	3	27	149	37	300	2	80
4	1	5000	.....	.....	1	2500	40	.....	2	28	227	69	430	4	98
5	4	3000	300	.....	1	800	.....	600	4	18	200	50	250	2	30
6	6	9200	626	1184	1	1500	45	.....	9	90	597	185	734	37	148
7	7	11000	1500	.....	1	1200	175	.....	5	71	420	60	.....	10	220
8	1	2500	.....	.....	1	2500	.....	560	1	24	139	40	300	.....	47
9	2	4000	.....	.....	1	1000	.....	.....	2	36	223	.....	600	.....	107
10	2	5450	682	.....	1	2500	.....	.....	3	34	201	.....	140	11	79
11	4	4000	.....	.....	.....	65	.....	.....	4	45	206	.....	546	.....	82
12	2	3000	1600	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	15	90	.....	100	10	6
13	1	10400	.....	.....	1	2500	.....	.....	4	49	290	66	350	9	121
14	5	4000	105	.....	1	1000	.....	.....	7	70	314	75	653	.....	22
15	1	650	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	19	120	20	100	2	.....
16	2	4000	510	190	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	35	185	47	392	.....	37
17	2	2300	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	25	100	.....	500	.....	6
18	2	11000	800	.....	1	800	40	.....	2	32	200	50	750	5	75
49		98500	6397	2374	12	18700	603	1306	64	777	4518	945	7625	112	1484

GENERAL STATISTICS.

		MEMBERS.		ADDI-TIONS.		REMOVALS.					BAP-TISMS.			
Rockingham District.		Local Preachers.	White.	Colored.	By Certifica e.	By Profession of Faith.	By Death.	By Certificate.	Without Cer.	By Withdrawal.	By Expulsion.	By Church Conf.	Children.	Adults.
1	Staunton.....	1	431	....	31	15	10	21	..	4	..	3	19	5
2	Harrisonburg.....	1	279	....	10	14	5	17	..	4	..	..	1	7
3	Augusta.....	..	285	....	6	18	2	10	12	4	1	2	2	12
4	West Augusta.....	1	140	....	3	23	..	2	5	..	..	9	2	2
5	Bell Valley.....	..	272	2	6	72	1	4	..	2	..	2	17	33
6	Monterey.....	..	467	1	2	11	5	12	7	..	..	4	3	4
7	Crab Bottom.....	1	267	3	..	13	4	1	..	..	..	..	5	2
8	Parnassus.....	1	190	....	6	10	2	9	5	..	..	6	9	4
9	Bridgewater.....	1	622	....	10	103	6	22	4	11	..	..	14	71
10	Waynesboro.....	..	103	....	2	..	2	2	3	..	..	6	1	....
11	Mount Sidney.....	..	202	....	3	2	4	11	..	6	..	3	6	2
12	Rockingham.....	1	222	....	4	17	1	4	2	1	..	2	..	10
13	East Rockingham.....	1	425	....	13	79	8	3	10	4	..	1	16	47
14	Port Republic.....	1	158	....	2	3	2	8	2	2	..	6	1	3
15	Milnes.....	1	82	....	12	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	3	....
16	Furnace No. 2.....	2	276	....	..	94	2	..	..	2	..	..	44	64
17	Luray.....	..	222	1	23	13	5	8	9	8	..	7	6	13
18	Mount Jackson.....	..	132	....	..	6	1	4	..	1	..	..	..	..
19	New Market.....	1	105	2	....	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	10	4
		13	4880	9	133	500	62	141	59	49	1	51	159	283
Roanoke.														
1	Salem.....	1	280	....	18	13	4	8	6	1	..	..	8	8
2	Roanoke.....	1	177	....	29	15	3	8	6	..	..	..	5	14
3	Roanoke Ct.....	1	284	....	24	15	6	2	..	..	..	..	2	5
4	Blacksburg.....	..	231	....	10	9	1	13	..	2	..	18	2	2
5	Christiansburg.....	..	212	....	3	27	1	7	1	1	..	3	3	18
6	Fincastle.....	..	186	....	15	4	3	15	1	..	..	1	5	1
7	Amsterdam.....	..	225	....	4	33	1	6	16	..	1	7	14	28
8	Lexington.....	..	205	....	9	..	5	8	5	2	..	..	9	....
9	Lexington Circuit.....	..	150	....	..	10	5	1	2	1	..	..	5	6
10	Newport.....	1	292	1	....	..	4	7	..	4	..	2	2	1
11	Lafayette.....	1	242	....	2	8	4	21	5	1	..	..	..	4
12	Upper Botetourt.....	2	164	....	14	17	..	8	5	..	..	..	5	12
13	New Castle.....	1	191	....	..	10	2	2	..	2	..	..	1	5
14	Catawba.....	2	290	....	1	29	2	5	..	..	3	1	..	..
15	Collierstown.....	..	150	....	..	46	2	1	..	..	..	4	..	31
16	James River.....	..	176	....	1	1	5	..	2	..	..	..	2	1
17	Fairfield.....	1	287	....	6	20	1	..	..	1	1	..	8	8
18	Mount Bethel.....	1	116	....	..	1	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	1
		12	3858	1	136	258	50	114	49	16	5	36	71	145

GENERAL STATISTICS.

PROPERTY.										SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						
CHURCH EDIFICES.					PARSONAGES.					MEMBERS.						
Number.	Probable Value.	Am't raised for bld'g & imp'ng Present	Indebtedness.		Number.	Probable Value.	Am't raised for bld'g & imp'ng Present	Indebtedness.		No. of S. S. Officers and Teachers.	Total No. of Schl'rs, all ages	Number in Infant Classes.	Volumes in Library.	Conversions in Schools.	Expenses of Schools.	
1	2	6800	1157	.....	*2	7000	61	355	3	58	480	87	517	4	185	
2	1	11000	.....	600	1	2500	.....	.....	1	21	151	34	489	5	35	
3	5	2400	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	53	257	71	435	13	84	
4	4	3300	447	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	34	150	46	180	30	54	
5	3	1400	10	.....	1	525	.....	.....	5	46	291	.....	208	1	25	
6	5	5000	300	.....	1	1200	150	.....	10	84	530	300	650	9	140	
7	2	4000	.....	.....	1	600	.....	27	5	35	230	75	130	6	27	
8	3	2900	.....	.....	1	1200	.....	101	4	40	204	25	200	6	39	
9	5	6700	200	.....	1	1250	50	.....	6	91	477	105	673	27	118	
10	1	5500	130	.....	1	800	7	.....	1	15	100	.....	400	.....	50	
11	3	2500	.....	.....	1	500	33	.....	4	39	148	44	55	.....	19	
12	3	3300	600	.....	1	700	44	100	4	37	230	40	.....	4	30	
13	2	3000	.....	.....	1	1200	70	.....	3	42	314	50	.....	59	77	
14	2	2000	.....	.....	1	600	.....	.....	2	18	135	30	151	5	10	
15	1	6000	.....	.....	1	4000	.....	.....	1	5	50	22	25	.....	18	
16	3	1500	30	.....	1	600	.....	.....	5	30	160	65	220	12	35	
17	3	3500	451	50	1	1000	28	18	4	51	250	57	135	11	99	
18	1	800	72	.....	1	800	.....	.....	3	38	170	20	500	.....	16	
19	2	2000	70	.....	1	500	57	.....	3	16	100	25	75	2	20	
	51	73600	3567	650	18	24975	500	601	73	753	4427	1096	5043	194	1081	
1	1	3500	.....	.....	*2	4500	224	.....	1	25	155	40	700	8	227	
2	2	4800	.....	.....	1	2600	965	.....	2	30	200	54	280	4	253	
3	3	5000	.....	.....	1	2000	1200	.....	2	24	175	30	300	5	100	
4	2	7000	10	.....	1	1500	201	409	2	17	166	40	250	6	32	
5	2	2150	75	.....	1	1500	.....	.....	2	23	175	.....	200	25	110	
6	3	7000	.....	.....	1	1500	240	451	3	24	167	25	250	5	80	
7	3	2100	273	.....	1	800	300	.....	3	16	94	.....	80	12	27	
8	1	5000	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	18	150	.....	200	.....	25	
9	2	2600	.....	.....	1	800	4	.....	2	11	80	13	.....	1	2	
10	4	4100	.....	50	1	1000	81	60	3	20	125	30	40	.....	22	
11	2	2000	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	32	197	21	302	.....	18	
12	2	3100	70	.....	1	800	65	50	4	35	225	35	100	12	35	
13	2	1100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	15	80	.....	100	6	10	
14	1	1200	65	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	34	219	.....	195	9	14	
15	2	3000	.....	.....	1	800	90	.....	3	20	120	.....	240	19	30	
16	3	2300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	38	280	90	170	.....	40	
17	4	3000	.....	.....	1	450	14	.....	4	18	150	80	.....	.....	16	
18	2	350	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	41	59300	694	115	13	18250	3384	970	47	400	2758	458	3407	112	1041	

*1 District Parsonage.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

			MEMBERS.		ADDI- TIONS.		REMOVALS.					BAP- TISMS.			
Lewisburg District.			Local Preachers.	White.	Colored.	By Certificate.	By Profession of Faith.	By Death.	By Certificate.	Without Cer.	By Withdrawal.	By Expulsion.	By Church Conf.	Children.	Adults.
1	Lewisburg	1	204	....		2	....	3	7		2	....		5	16
2	Frankford	3	459	1		4	24	2	23	10	2	....	7		7
3	Blue Sulphur .....	..	184	....			16	1	....	....	....	....		3	6
4	Centreville .....	..	334	....		4	17	3	4	....	....	2		4	4
5	Hinton	1	98	....		13	8	2	14	1	8	....		2	14
6	Talcott	1	293	1		4	25	2	4	6	1	....		4	3
7	Union .....	..	140	....		8	4	1	1	1	1	....		6	3
8	Hillsdale	1	151	....		7	14	2	5	....	....	....		3	1
9	Alderson and Ronceverte ..	..	212	....		10	1	2	2	....	3	....		3	7
10	White Sulphur	1	51	....		1	13	3	..	14	4	....	7	1	....
11	Covington	1	157	....		7	1	1	5	1	1	....	3	5	5
12	Alvon	2	125	....			6	1	1	....	....	....		13	4
13	Levelton .....	..	268	....		7	2	2	7	2	6	....	4	1	....
14	Huntersville .....	..	135	....		1	2	1	2	....	....	....		7	....
15	Edray	1	72	2	....			1	1	....	....	....			4
16	Highland .....	..	166	....			30	..	3	....	....	....		8	....
17	Healing Springs .....	..	39	....		1	....	1	1	....	....	....			2
18	Greenbank	1	139	....			5	2	5	6	....	....		13	3
19	Warm Springs	1	105	....		2	2	2	..	2	....	....		16	....
20	Hebron .....	..	58	....					1	2	....	....			....
			14	3390	4	71	170	32	86	45	28	..	23	94	79
Moorefield.															
1	Moorefield .....	..	263	1		2	31	3	11	4	1	..	16	6	12
2	Petersburg	2	133	....		2	3	1	1	....	....	....		4	1
3	Franklin	1	335	3	....		23	..	7	14	....	2		25	7
4	Circleville	1	127	....			17	2	..	6	....	6	....	12	6
5	Keyser	1	164	....		7	14	2	4	8	1	..	12	20	6
6	North Branch Mission	2	59	....		1	2	1	....	....	....	....		15	....
7	Piedmont	2	120	....		1	1	1	3	4	....	....		8	....
8	Frostburg .....	..	175	....		2	14	3	1	..	10	..	13	21	4
9	Listonburg	1	214	....		1	61	2	....	....	....	16		5	19
10	Flintstone	1	243	....			6	2	4	12	1	1	4	8	3
11	South Branch	3	360	....		3	15	4	1	..	2	....		8	7
12	Springfield .....	..	376	....			4	5	5	14	....	....		24	1
13	Hardy .....	..	191	....			5	..	3	..	6	....			3
14	Morgan	1	156	....			7	4	..	2	1	..	1	12	4
15	Wardensville .....	..	137	....			5	..	3	6	....	....			....
16	Capon Bridge	2	240	6		3	6	4	2	1	....	....			6
			17	3293	10	22	214	34	45	71	22	7	64	161	79

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						
	CHURCH EDIFICES.				PARSONAGES.				MEMBERS.				Volumes in Library	Conversions in Schools.	Expenses of Schools.
	Number.	Probable Value	Am't raised for bld'g & imp'ng.	Present Indebtedness.	Number.	Probable Value	Am't raised for bld'g & imp'ng.	Present Indebtedness.	No. of S. S.	Officers and Teachers.	Total No. of Sch'rs, all ages	Number in Infant Class.			
1	1	2500	.....	.....	*2	3200	†566	.....	2	16	220	35	.....	...	40
2	3	2500	32	.....	1	800	40	.....	7	41	335	164	.....	24	32
3	1	1000	.....	.....	1	400	185	.....	2	18	103	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	4	3000	200	.....	1	700	...	.....	6	46	244	32	50	8	18
5	1	1350	115	.....	.....	.....	65	.....	1	10	100	25	.....	5	24
6	5	2400	125	.....	1	500	50	450	6	35	205	.....	.....	10	34
7	3	2300	5	.....	1	1400	46	.....	2	14	105	35	150	....	69
8	2	1500	350	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	20	115	.....	100	....	35
9	2	4000	.....	.....	1	1000	570	91	5	47	250	90	.....	6	75
10	1	5000	80	600	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	5	25	10	100	3	15
11	3	4500	20	.....	1	1500	35	.....	5	43	312	94	.....	.....	65
12	3	2000	.....	.....	1	500	.....	.....	5	20	120	.....	200	.....	...
13	2	3000	.....	.....	1	1600	10	300	4	30	243	45	.....	3	25
14	1	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	35	200	50	75	....	40
15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	14	123	29	250	.....	.....
16	1	800	.....	.....	1	1000	.....	.....	4	14	150	25	.....	10	10
17	2	100	10	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	5	30	10	30	....	2
18	3	3636	475	90	1	700	.....	.....	4	25	130	33	.....	.....	15
19	1	500	.....	.....	1	500	.....	.....	4	32	124	37	380	...	7
20	1	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	7	70	25	25	....	10

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	DISTRICTS.	Local Preachers.	MEMBERS.		ADDITIONS.		REMOVALS.						BAPTISMS.	
			White.	Colored.	By Certificate.	By Profession of Faith.	By Death.	By Certificate.	Without Cer.	By Withdrawal	By Expulsion.	By Church Conf.	Children.	Adults.
1	Baltimore.....	5	3381	..	80	319	36	81	42	26	5	63	301	47
2	East Baltimore.....	16	3454	..	69	187	62	69	29	21	1	22	262	16
3	Washington.....	18	5477	8	148	447	71	121	65	45	3	75	128	269
4	Winchester.....	15	4771	..	120	329	56	158	70	23	3	61	181	167
5	Rockingham.....	13	4880	9	133	500	62	141	59	49	1	51	159	283
6	Roanoke.....	12	3858	1	136	258	50	114	49	16	5	36	71	145
7	Lewisburg.....	14	3390	4	71	170	32	86	45	28	..	23	94	79
8	Moorefield.....	17	3293	10	22	214	34	45	71	22	7	64	161	79
9	Total this year....	110	32504	32	779	2424	403	815	430	230	25	395	1357	1085
	Total last year....	117	31918	52	819	2502	386	841	356	184	16	379	1245	1019
	Increase.....	...	586	..	..	..	17	..	74	46	9	16	112	66
	Decrease.....	7	..	20	40	78	...	26	...	...	...	...	...	...

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.							
	CHURCH EDIFICES.				PARSONAGES.				MEMBERS.				VOLUMES IN LIBRARY	CONVERSIONS IN SCHOOLS.	EXPENSES OF SCHOOLS.	
	Number	Probable Value	Am't raised for bld'g & imp'ng.	Present Indebtedness.	Number.	Probable Value	Am't raised for bld'g & imp'ng.	Present Indebtedness.	No. of S. S.	Officers and Teachers.	Total No. of Schl'rs, all ages	Number in Infant Class.				
1	49	172600	14400	15779	7	15000	2371	500	47	537	3912	1125	7215	158	2160	
2	54	136900	9650	4140	9	19540	3302	.....	48	415	2668	573	6710	68	1490
3	61	160480	8716	3775	12	24200	4379	2323	70	814	4534	1088	9608	194	1903	
4	49	98500	6397	2374	12	18700	603	1306	64	777	4518	945	7625	112	1484	
5	51	73600	3567	650	18	24975	500	601	73	753	4427	1096	5043	194	1081	
6	41	59300	694	115	13	18250	3384	970	47	400	2758	458	3407	112	1041	
7	40	41286	1412	790	14	13800	1567	841	70	477	3184	739	1360	69	516	
8	48	58400	2691	406	6	10600	760	624	62	484	2961	486	4592	104	677	
9	392	801066	47527	28029	91	145065	16866	7165	481	4657	23960	6510	45560	1011	10352	
	393	763073	37675	22866	80	127400	8912	8446	487	4597	28427	5883	47941	1122	11000	
...		37993	9852	5163	11	17665	7954	.....	...	60	533	627	.....	.....	.....
1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1281	6	.....	.....	.....	2381	111	648

Additions by certificate.....	779
“ by profession.....	2424
Total additions.....	3203
Removals by death.....	403
“ by certificate.....	815
“ without certificate.....	430
“ by withdrawal.....	230
“ by expulsion.....	25
“ by Church Conference.....	395
Net increase.....	905
Increase of white members.....	486
Decrease of colored members.....	20
Discrepancy.....	466
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Hammond, Wesley.	E	Romney, Hampshire county, W. Va.
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Zimmerman, George H.....	E	Salem, Roanoke county, Va.

CENTENNIAL.



In accordance with a Resolution adopted last year, requesting that a Sermon be preached at this Session by Rev. JOHN S. MARTIN, D. D., on the Anniversary of the *One Hundredth Session of the Baltimore Annual Conference*; also, the Resolution of Monday, March 13, last, that the Sermon also embrace the *Centennial of the Organization of American Methodism*—the following Sermon was preached before the Conference in Session, and in presence of many visitors, in Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Baltimore, Maryland, Thursday Morning, March 14, 1884.

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SERMON

BY

REV. JOHN S. MARTIN, D. D.

"What hath God wrought."—Numbers, XXIII, 23.

We are in the ONE HUNDREDTH Session of the Baltimore Annual Conference—beginning with the Conference of June 15, 1785, which followed six months after the Christmas Conference of 1784, at which was the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church in *America*. They had met before in Baltimore, and in other parts of our territory, and the General Conference of 1784 simply found this body of ministers, from which we descended, in full activity—though ecclesiastically unorganized—according to the testimony of Asbury, Jesse Lee and others, the oldest and most responsible, which had from time to time assembled to give direction to Methodism.

The first Conference of Methodism in America was held in 1773, in Philadelphia. The place was not selected because there, and in Jersey and New York, were the greatest number of members, and active preachers. In both these respects, Maryland, especially with those of Virginia added, exceeded. For more than twelve years before, Methodism had spread through Western Maryland to the Eastern Shore—up through Delaware, and also from Maryland across the Potomac into Fairfax County, Virginia.

Here we may compare the operations of two pioneers, Embury at New York, and Strawbridge at Sam's Creek, Maryland. Both were *local* preachers from Ireland, and 1760 was the year of their arrival in America, though some date Strawbridge's arrival as early as 1759.*

From 1760 till 1766 we hear nothing of Embury; not until in 1766, "Barbara Heck, falling prostrate, entreated him, with tears, to preach, and he then preached to her and the four persons she invited to his house, and who, with herself, were afterward enrolled by Embury in class."† But while this was starting under Embury, or rather Barbara Heck, the real foundress of Methodism in New York, aided by the gallant Captain Webb, of "the King's service," Methodism had been already advancing in Maryland, through the six years previous.

Robert Strawbridge having arrived in America in 1760, settled at Sam's Creek, Frederick County, Maryland. Immediately he commenced, as a Methodist local preacher, to preach the word. Letters received by Rev. Dr. Roberts from individuals distant from each other, certify that as soon as Mr. Strawbridge arranged his own house, he began to preach in it, as early as 1760; and besides the appointment in his own house, he had another at John

*Rev. Wm. Hamilton, in *Methodist Quarterly Review*, Vol. VIII, Pages 435-436.

†Am. Meth. Mag., 1823, page 384. Lednum's *Rise of Methodism*, page 27.

Maynard's house, and where he baptized his brother Henry Maynard in 1762.* Other preaching appointments at private houses, some miles distant, he also attended. The preaching of Strawbridge at these places was followed by conversions; classes were formed; local preachers were licensed and went abroad preaching. The "Log Meeting House" was built in 1764, three years before any other Methodist chapel in America. These movements of Strawbridge were *before* Embury, aroused by Barbara Heck, had entered on the first systematic effort for Methodism in New York, and for which they afterward labored, worthy of all praise.

Thus Methodism in Maryland was anterior in its movements, and the noble Robert Strawbridge was its *first* standard bearer in America, and its earliest pioneer. This is attested by Asbury in his Journal, Vol. III, page 27. A short time before the entry of this note in his Journal, Asbury abode for some days at the house of Rev. Edward Dromgoole's, in Virginia, where he held the Virginia Conference, April 9, 1801. Dromgoole came from Sligo, Ireland, once the abode of Strawbridge, and to whom he bore a letter after his arrival in America. Under Strawbridge, Dromgoole was converted and licensed to preach, and learned from him the date of the origin of Methodism in Maryland, and of which he must have conversed with Asbury. Leaving Dromgoole and the Conference in Virginia, Asbury proceeded to the Baltimore Conference, to be held at Henry Willis', Pipe Creek, Maryland. There could have been no better informed person of the early movements of Methodism in America than Rev. Henry Willis. Of rich and cultivated mind, familiar with New York and Philadelphia, where he had labored six years—from 1787 to 1793—he must have learned all of the rise of Methodism in those cities. He was equally familiar with its rise and movements in Maryland and the South. He had been supernumerary in Baltimore four years, and continued in the same relation eight years more in Frederick, living at the time one mile from the "Log Meeting House" which Strawbridge built, and with people near, who had heard Strawbridge first preach; there could have been no person more competent to give facts of the rise of Methodism, both in Maryland and New York, than Rev. Henry Willis. Thus, after his Conference in Virginia with Dromgoole, Strawbridge's early co-laborer, and full information from Willis at the Conference in his own house, Mr. Asbury penned the note, which attests the commencement of Methodism "in America," under Strawbridge.

We will give Asbury's words, from his Journal, April 30, 1801:

"We arrived to dine at Alexander Warfield's, on Sam's Creek, and pushed on to Henry Willis,' on Pipe Creek, where it had been our intention to open Conference. We had about forty members present, and sat on Friday, Saturday and Monday. On Tuesday morning we rose. We had great peace and good news from several circuits, of revivals of religion, and our friends in the settlements were equally kind, and we had rich entertainments. This settlement on Pipe Creek is the richest in the State. *Here Mr. Strawbridge formed the first Society in Maryland or America.*"

*Rev. Dr. Roberts, in Chris. Ad. Journal, 1853. Lednum's Rise of Methodism, pages 15-20. Rev. Wm. Hamilton, Meth. Quar. Review, July, 1853, pages 435-6. Dr. Hamilton gives names of original members at Strawbridge's house: David Evans, wife and sister, John Maynard and father, Paul Hagerty, John Hagerty, Hezekiah Bonham, Robert Walker, Wm. Durbin, Geo. Saxton, Alexander Warfield, his wife Mrs. Warfield. Mrs. Bennet, in 1856, then in her 89th year, stated to Dr. Hamilton that "from her own knowledge the Society was first formed at Strawbridge's house." She had sat under his ministry, and described him as a man of "medium size, dark complexion, black hair, had a sweet voice, and was an excellent singer."

Asbury never afterward corrected this in his Journal, nor did any one of the forty preachers present ever publish a dissent therefrom. Those who dissent from the correctness of this entry of Asbury's Journal have nothing but their doubts to rest on. In reply to such, we point out another entry later by Bishop Asbury in his Journal, Vol. III, page 454. "We came to Son Francis Hollingsworth's, Little York, I sit seven hours a day looking over and hearing read my transcribed Journal; we have examined and approved it up to 1807. As a record of the early history of Methodism in America, my Journal will be of use."

Strawbridge, with characteristic traits of his countrymen, "generous, energetic, eloquent as a preacher," a sweet singer, a conversationalist of rare powers, as described by Freeborn Garretson, drew crowds to hear him. Numbers from the settlements remote came and listened with wonder at the novelty of the doctrine he preached, and trembled under the earnestness and force of his words.

Before any Conference of Methodists had assembled in America he was an *itinerant*, though bearing from Ireland only the license of a "Local Preacher." He was abroad through Maryland—first through Frederick, Harford, and Baltimore counties.* He formed the first Society in Baltimore County at the house of Daniel Evans, near to "Baltimore town," and where the first Methodist Chapel in the county was built. He penetrated the forests to Georgetown on the Potomac, crossed that river into Fairfax County, Virginia, planted there the standard of Methodism, and must be forever accorded honor as the *first* Methodist preacher who preached on Virginia soil,† gathered there converts in a Methodist class meeting, and sang with them, as he could sweetly sing, the hymns of Charles Wesley. He preached through Bohemia Manor, where Whitfield, only, was before him. He penetrated to Bush Forest, near to Harve de Grace, and on to John Randall's, in Kent County, Maryland. We mark his foot-prints upward through Delaware; on to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where Henry Boehm heard him preach in his father's house, and on to Jersey. *Glorious Itinerant*, though only a *local* preacher! Poor, yet making many rich. His family needy, like some of his successors, yet never slacking his work as a preacher from 1760 to 1781, when he ceased to work and live. And good Richard Owen, the *first* native American preacher, converted and raised up under him, who knew and esteemed him, preached to a great crowd under the trees, and thence they bore his remains to the tomb, singing as they marched one of Charles Wesley's songs of "victory over death." Honored ever will be the name of Captain Charles Ridgeley, of Hampton, who, venerating his character, and considerate of his poverty, generously gave, in his last days to Maryland's heroic Methodist pioneer, the farm and home where he lived, and where his remains were laid away.‡

*Besides, the Society named in Frederick County, in the work under Strawbridge were the names of many in Harford and Baltimore Counties, Webster, Bond, Perrigo, Owens, Wheeler, Stanford, Merryman, Giles, Morgan, Ruff, Baker, Litton, Forward, Moore, Evans, Brown, Sinclair, Colgate, Stephenson, Galloway, Simms, Hartley, Murray, Rollins, Duke, Gatch, Barnet, Taylor, Wilkins, Preston, Josiah Dallum, Presbury, Hunt, Cromwell, Hollingsworth, Worthington, Woodward, Moale, Wells, Rogers. The Watters family, seven brothers and two sisters, all Methodists—two of the brothers traveling preachers. Garretson in 1809 was at Deer Creek, says, "I took the hand of old Brother Henry Watters, eighty years old, also, Brother Herbert, ninety years old,"—date of their conversion, the early times of Strawbridge. *Lednum*.

† *Lednum*, pages 20, 118.

‡ Dr. Hamilton, *Qua. Review*, 1856. *Lednum*, chapter 1.

The conversions under Strawbridge and his preachers, linked Methodism in Maryland and Delaware to the growing families of that time, and their descendants have been among its foremost representatives since. Those historic names of early Methodism are still those of many of the families of our church, which we might present in number.

Under Strawbridge were raised up preachers, for immediate work. Richard Owen, the first American preacher licensed. Wm. Watters, the first American preacher to enter the connection. Edward Dromgoole, Richard Webster, Sater Stephenson, Nicholas Watters, Isaac Rollins, Hezekiah Bonham, Aquila Stanford, John Durbin, Nathaniel Perigau, and Philip Gatch, converted under Perigau, Daniel Ruff, and Freeborn Garretson, converted under Ruff, and Caleb B. Peddicord, under whom was converted Thomas Ware.

Glorious band of *local* itinerants—some of whom afterward were in Conference connection—but at first traversing the country for many miles, preaching from Fairfax, Virginia, penetrating what then were the back settlements, through Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania and into Jersey.

Two more local preachers soon joined them from England. They came out of their own free will. Robert Williams, who landed in 1769, worked a short time with Embury in New York, but pushed on to join Strawbridge in Maryland, and specially followed him in work on the Eastern Shore, and which he left for grander achievements in lower Virginia, where he was the founder of Methodism. Another who came to co-operate with them was John King, an Englishman who landed a short time after Williams. He did not tarry long in Philadelphia, where, after some hesitation, they barely consented to license him, after preaching a *trial* sermon. He too, soon made his way to Maryland, where Strawbridge and his band of local itinerants greeted him.*

Thus far Wesley's missionaries, Boardman and Pilmoor, had not joined in the work in Maryland. It was the year following that Pilmoor visited there—and preached once in Baltimore on the side-walk—but he had been preceded the year before by John King, who preached from a blacksmith's block, at the junction of French and Front streets, and also at the corner of Baltimore and Calvert. Strawbridge and his preachers, no doubt, preceded King.

But soon new direction and aid were to be given to Maryland Methodism. In November, 1771, Francis Asbury landed in Philadelphia, accompanied by Richard Wright. Wright proceeded to Bohemia Manor and helped Strawbridge's band, but Asbury moved farther North, and discovered that the American work had need of a "*circulation of preachers*"—that Boardman and Pilmoor had mostly confined themselves to the cities of Philadelphia and New York. "He feared the preachers would be unwilling to leave the cities, but he shut up there." But, said he, "I am fixed to the Methodist plan, I think I shall shew them the way" (Journal of 1772). Noble purpose of Asbury! Here

*Lednum, (Chapter XV, page 117,) states "that before the first Conference was held in 1773, there were Methodist Societies in Maryland at Sams' Creek, Pipe Creek, Bush Forest, John Watters', Henry Watters', near Deer Creek, Barnet Prestons', Josiah Dallum's, Joseph Presbury's, James J. Baker's, near Forks of Gunpowder, Daniel Ruff's, near Havre de Grace, Mrs. Duke's, Daniel Evans', Owens', Nathan Perigauss', Mr. Simms', Patapasco Neck, Back River Neck, Middle River Neck, Bush River Neck, Fell's Point, Baltimore, Charles Harriman's, Hunt's, Seneca, Georgetown, on the Potomac, Base of Sugar Loaf Mountain, Eastern Shore, at Solomon Hersey's; on Bohemia Manor, John Randall's, in Wereton, and at Hinson's, Kent county, Maryland. About *thirty* Societies. Others we cannot name."

was hope for the itinerancy! Here was hope for supplies to our territory and the South, where were, then, the greatest number of members, but no administration from Wesley's assistants had reached them. Under suggestions from Asbury this was executed. Boardman visited Maryland, Wright was sent farther South, and Pilmoor extended his operations through Virginia and Carolina. Asbury went abroad, where none but the local preachers under Strawbridge had been heard before. He sounds forth the word at the houses of Waters, Owen Gatch, Durbin, Webster and at the "Log Meeting House." He holds Quarterly Conference for the first time at J. Presbury's, Christmas, 1772. There Strawbridge seeing the societies without the Sacraments, "pleaded for the ordinances and so did the people—John King was neuter." Asbury says, we "had to connive for peace sake, yet great love subsisted, and we parted in peace." In the fall of 1772 Asbury preached for the first time in Baltimore, on Fell's Point. He formed a class. Finding no man suitable, he followed the Wesleyan mode and appointed a woman leader. By John King a class before had been formed at the house of John Hagerty.

Asbury proceeded to the Conference, 1773, in Philadelphia. His presence there, the second day, stirred. His purpose of itinerancy had not relaxed. He feared the tendency of some to a settled pastorate—"that some had manifested a desire to abide in the cities and live like gentlemen"—"three years out of four they had spent in the cities." Thomas Rankin, who had just arrived from England as assistant, sustained, with Asbury, the views of Methodism. At this Conference Asbury was appointed to the Baltimore Circuit, and Strawbridge and two more preachers with him. His circuit embraced all the societies in Maryland and half of the Methodists of America—over a field extensive as the state. The local preachers first raised up under Strawbridge, co-operated with those just appointed by the Conference. This year, "Strawberry Alley," the first church in Baltimore, was commenced, in November, and soon completed.

In 1774, at the Conference in Philadelphia, Asbury was sent to New York, and George Shadford, a preacher of "fervid eloquence," was sent to Baltimore. He was the man to whom Wesley said: "I let you loose, George, on the continent of America," and his tongue was loosed in Baltimore in preaching the Word with the power of the Holy Ghost. Under Shadford, Joseph Cromwell was released from the "iron chain which bound him to the bed," was converted, and became a traveling preacher.

The three Conferences held in Philadelphia bring us to the first Conference held in Baltimore, May, 1776, at which Asbury was again appointed to the Baltimore Circuit. Among others there "admitted on trial," was Freeborn Garretson, a name renowned in Methodist history, not only in Maryland, but also in the extreme southern settlements and as far north as Nova Scotia, who was courageous amid the fury of the mobs of Delaware and the Eastern Shore, the pioneer of Methodism up through the counties bordering on the Hudson, through New York.

Some were admitted on trial in 1777 who were in after years greatly distinguished—Peddlicord, Tunnell, Gill, Cole, Ellis. But attention is directed now to the name of John Dickens, an able preacher, a good classical scholar; the first to project a college, the first book agent.

Another admitted was John Littlejohn, a name not so often repeated, but should be cherished in our Conference. Leduum refers to him as one who,

formed the first society in Alexandria, on the Potomac, "a man of intellect, of great eloquence;" and that "Littlejohn was but little inferior, if any, to Dickens in classical learning." He located in 1778; was afterwards readmitted by the Baltimore Conference in 1831.

In the membership this year was a decrease *north* of Maryland, but in Maryland and further south an increase, especially in Virginia, of 1,500, of which Fairfax had 300 and glorious Brunswick 800, and North Carolina, named for the first time, 700.

After 1776 a Conference was held each year, in Baltimore, or in some place not distant. In 1779, in view of the troubles of war and restraints on liberty of Asbury and other preachers, a Conference was held in Kent county, Delaware, and another in Fluvanna, Virginia. In 1782 the necessity of the holding of more than one Conference was established—the first meeting at "Ellis' Preaching House, Sussex County, Virginia," from which they adjourned to Baltimore, in a few weeks, for a second Conference. Thus it was in 1782, 1783, 1784. The work represented in 1782, at the Conference at Ellis' Preaching House, of Lower Virginia and Carolina, included 5,168 members and 38 preachers. The work represented at the Conference in Baltimore embraced 45 preachers and 8,578 members, of whom only 1,400 were *north* of Maryland.

Thus the majority of all the Methodists in 1784 was in the territory we now occupy, and at the same time the work farther South was increasing with unprecedented rapidity.

The reason for two Conferences and their relative importance is referred to by Robert Emory's History of the Discipline, page 79: "While the number of preachers in America was small, there was but one Conference held in the year. By 1779 they had increased so as to render it inconvenient to meet in one place. From that time, therefore, till 1784 two Conferences, in reality, were held annually, though the second was considered as an adjournment of the first." Their respective powers are thus stated by the Rev. Jesse Lee: "As the Conference in the North was of the longest standing, and withall composed of the oldest preachers, it was allowed greater privileges than that in the South, especially in making rules and forming regulations for the societies. Accordingly, when anything was agreed to in the Virginia Conference and afterward disapproved of in the Baltimore Conference, it was dropped; but if any rule was fixed and determined on at the Baltimore Conference, the preachers in the South were under the necessity of abiding by it. The Southern Conference was considered at that time as a convenience, and designed to accommodate the preachers in that part of the work and to do all the business of a regular Conference, except that of making or altering particular rules."

The Christmas, or First *General* Conference, met in Baltimore, December 24, 1784. Of that Conference we shall speak hereafter. Following that General Conference in Baltimore, at which the Methodist Episcopal Church was organized, came the First *Annual* Conference in Baltimore; nearly six months after that organization, June 17, 1785, and from which we date our sessional history, and now complete our hundred sessions. The whole number of preachers at the Conference the year *before* was 83, deducting from this number, 15 for those who may have met at G. Hill's, North Carolina, April

29, also, 17 for those who may have attended at Conference Chapel, Virginia, we have for those whose relations to the work would direct them to the Conference in Baltimore, 47, or near that number, as follows: Wilson Lee, Thomas Jackson, Richard Smith, Thomas Bowen, Joseph Everett, Edward Morris, James Haw, John Cooper, Samuel Breeze, Francis Poythress, Thomas S. Chew, Wm. Gill, Michael Ellis, Leroy Cole, Joseph Cromwell, Jeremiah Lambert, Nelson Reed, Adam Cloud, Joseph Wyatt, George Moore, Thomas Haskins, Wm. Ringold, Caleb Boyer, Hugh Roberts, James White, John Tunnell, Lemuel Green, James O. Cromwell, Wm. Lynch, Thomas Ware, Simon Pile, Philip Cox, John Dickens, Sam'l Dudley, Wm. Phoebus, Samuel Rowe, Wm. Partridge, John Fidler, Freeborn Garretson, Wm. Thomas, John Magary, Isaac Smith, Jonathan Forest, John Hagerty, Matthew Greentree.

Of the above named it may have been that Thos. Jackson, Edward Morris, James Haw, John Tunnell, Wm. Partridge, did not attend this Conference, though near, having already been appointed at Conferenees previously held, and they, likely, had already started for their work in the South. While, on the other hand, Thos. Foster, Jesse Lee, Peter Moriarty, Thomas Curtis, Henry Ogburn, Wm. Jessup, not included in appointments already made, may have moved up to the Baltimore Conference, where their appointments appear for 1785. Two more were there—Richard Whatcoat and Thomas Vasey—who had just come to America, in accordance with Mr. Wesley's plan that they should officiate as Elders under Bishop Coke. Over these presided Francis Asbury, the first Protestant Bishop ordained in America.

Such were the preachers of the *First* Baltimore Conference that assembled after the organization of the Church, June, 1785. Some were of great excellence, and their names will endure forever. With books, which man made, some of them knew but little, for they had not facilities for such acquaintance. But the study of man they had not neglected—and the Bible, the best of books, was daily with them on horseback, or in the cabins where they stopped—their chief study. Yet, as we afterward learn from their memoirs, some of them had studied the works of English divines, and translations from foreign tongues—they were not inattentive to the general literature of that period, much of which would compare with that of the present, and some had even studied the languages, in which the scriptures were first written. Most of the preachers of that Conference would compare with similar bodies now, in their *spiritual* perception of the word of God, the force of its exposition, the boldness of their testimony to the power of the gospel, and above all in the conversions attending their ministry. By one of our historians they were designated as the "Cavalry of Methodism." But better still, by one of our own Conference, before that historian wrote, the quaint "Jemmy Sewell," they were the "flying artillery of Methodism," not content with a line of things made ready to their hand, taking no counsel of the ecclesiastical martinetts, who kept within lines and fortifications, sketched out ages before, but following intuitions of their own and the power of the Holy Ghost.

The total membership then in America, 18,000, of which in bounds of our Conference, including Delaware, Lancaster, Berkley and Fairfax in Virginia, always of our Conference, 7322; in the Virginia and North Carolina work, 7878; in Philadelphia, Jersey, New York, and all north of Maryland, 2081. Thus Methodism "*tended southward*." Among others received on trial at this Conference was Ezekiel Cooper, afterward prominent.

Here for the first time the report of the death of a preacher, was accompanied with a memoir. 1. Caleb B. Peddicord, (died in Baltimore,) "a man of sorrows, and like his master, acquainted with grief, but a man dead to the world and much devoted to God." 2. George Mair, (on Caroline Circuit, Md.,) "a man of affliction but of great patience, resignation and of excellent understanding." How brief, yet expressive. In the future writings of the Church, many pages were written of them. George Mair is named as "a bright and shining light," "a flaming torch," noted for his "happy tact in colloquial exhortation," "winning many souls." All the early writers and historians of Methodism love to linger around the name of Caleb B. Peddicord as "one of the saintliest men." His person "was beautiful, expressive of intelligence, refinement, tenderness." Wonders are told of his "eloquence," the "pathetic force of his sermons unequaled in his time," yet clothed with humility—encountering with meekness and courage the fury of mobs—amidst painful suffering "the scars of which he carried to his grave." Of whom it was written "he was everything that could be desired as a Methodist preacher." His letter to Thomas Ware, his "son in the gospel," has been referred to as "prophetic."

Another new feature appears in placing over a number of circuits, an Elder. Six were appointed over as many districts of our work. These were able men, well chosen. Whatcoat and Vasey, Elders approved and sent by Wesley. Thomas Foster and Thomas S. Chew, good preachers, in talents well adapted. William Gill, a man "of feeble body, but of great intellect." Dr. Rush pronounced him the greatest divine he had ever heard," and Lee, after the death of Gill, said: "We had scarcely a preacher left to equal him in knowledge or goodness." Another of the Elders appointed over work on the Eastern Shore was Caleb Boyer, ordained at this Conference. Lednum writes: "He was regarded as a great preacher." His name is often mentioned with Ignatius Pigman, ordained Elder at this Conference, but not presiding over work. Thomas Ware refers to Boyer and Pigman as eloquent and among the first preachers; Bowyer as the Paul and Pigman as the Apollos. When Whatcoat and Vasey heard them at the Christmas Conference they viewed them as having no equal in the British connection, except Wesley and Fletcher." Another just ordained Elder, sent this year from Maryland to the South Carolina, was John Tunnell, the devoted friend to Gill. Thomas Ware writes: "I accompanied Tunnell across the Alleghanies to the Holston. He was one of the most eloquent preachers of that age. Though bearing about with him incurable pulmonary disease, he labored on that mountainous frontier till death came, and his brethren bore his remains over the mountains, near the Sweet Springs. Asbury, in preaching his funeral sermon, says: "He was a man of good learning, had traveled through eight of the thirteen states, and he was a great Saint."

At this Conference we notice John Hagerty, one of the first Elders sent to New York. He was converted under John King; preached in German as well as English. He located in 1792, yet was actively employed in Baltimore till his death in 1823. Another Elder sent beyond our Conference bounds this year, but who afterward served in this Conference, was Nelson Reed, converted under William Watters in 1775, admitted 1779. His ministry embraced sixty-five years. He died in his eighty-ninth year, the oldest Methodist preacher in the world. Strong in intellect, wise in counsel, tenacious in purpose. He

was fearless, as his masterly reply to Dr. Coke's indiscreet inquiry at Conference proved.*

Though an Elder, was placed over a district of circuits and preachers, yet the title "*Presiding*" Elder does not appear in the published minutes till 1789, when, afterward, the word drops out till 1797.

The Bishop's notes present the *Providential* leadings to the inauguration of this office, as follows:

"When Mr. Wesley drew up a plan of government for our church in America, he desired that no more elders be ordained in the first instance than were absolutely necessary, and that the work on the continent be divided between them. The General Conference accordingly elected twelve elders for the above purpose."

"Bishop Asbury and the District Conference afterward found this order of men was so necessary that they agreed to enlarge the number and give them the name by which they are at present called, which is perfectly scriptural, though not the word used in our translation. And this proceeding afterward received the approbation of Mr. Wesley."

"In 1792 the General Conference, equally conscious of the necessity of having such an office among us, not only confirmed everything that Bishop Asbury and the District Conferences had done, but also drew up or agreed to the present section for the explanation of the nature and duties of the office.† The Conference clearly saw that the Bishops wanted assistants; that it was impossible for a few Bishops so to superintend the vast work on this Continent as to keep everything in order in the intervals of the Conference, without other official men to act under them and assist them." Thus from 1785, at this Conference, the office of Presiding Elder "did in *fact*, though not in *name*, commence"‡ It is thus coeval with the one hundred sessions of our Conference.

Among the foremost characters appointed at this Conference was Jesse Lee, commencing first on the old Brunswick Circuit, where he was converted under Robert Williams, and having thus early given evidence of his power in the fields he had served in Virginia, he was now moved up to Caroline, on the Eastern Shore, the next year to Kent, and then to Baltimore Circuit, where he labored until he went northward to be the apostle of Methodism in New England—recording for himself, under God, a name of heroic fame, more enduring than monuments, reared to martial heroes and statesmen, there. From New England he returned, after years of service, to labor again in the Baltimore Conference, and from Annapolis, his last appointment, to go to rest above. In his last moments he remembered the veterans in the itinerancy and the younger preachers. "Give my respects to Bishop McKendree," he said, "and tell him I die in love with all the preachers; that I do love him, and that he lives in my heart." Then he cried out, "glory! hallelujah! Jesus reigns," and he passed triumphant home.§ As, writes a historian of our Methodism, "he lacked only the Episcopal office to give him rank with Asbury and Coke. Asbury early chose him for that position. Some

* Rev. Alfred Griffith. Stevens, Vol. II, 70.

† Emory's History of Discipline, page 294.

‡ Bishop's Notes in Emory's History, page 298.

§ Memoir in Minutes.

two or three times it seemed likely that he would be elected. His manly independence and firmness of opinion, in times of party strife, were made the occasions of his defeat. But his historic position needed no such addition. No official distinction could enhance his dignity. In public service he may be ranked next to Asbury, and as the founder and apostle of Eastern Methodism he is above any other official rank." *

At this first Conference it is interesting to watch the history of the rise of circuits. Lancaster appears—1785—for the first time in the list. Fairfax had been early a field for Strawbridge's preachers, but its name is first recorded in 1776, the first named in Virginia, adjacent to Maryland, and no *charge* before had interposed till the lines of Brunswick, in lower Virginia, were reached.

Berkeley, next, in 1778, started on the line of march up the Virginia Valley and westward to the mountains. In 1782 this circuit seems to take the name of South Branch, but the name of Berkeley again appears in 1783.

Alleghany Circuit appears in the same year.

In 1784 RED-STONE is made boundary to Alleghany on the west, ranging the four organized counties of Pennsylvania, Westmoreland, Fayette, Alleghany and Washington, and the three counties of Western Virginia, Monongalia, Harrison and Ohio. Francis Poythress, the year before, from the Alleghany Circuit, had borne the standard of Methodism across the Alleghanies to the waters of the Little Youghiogeny, but in 1784 John Cooper and Samuel Breeze were sent to explore farther westward to the Ohio.

In 1787 Clarksburg, Ohio and Pittsburg Circuits were formed—pioneer circuits of the old Baltimore Conference which afterwards expanded into Conferences.

In 1787 Greenbrier commenced its circuit life under John Smith, and the next year the circuit having increased in membership, two preachers were sent—Richard Swift and Benjamin Carter—a circuit having been formed on New River to keep them from encroaching on the French Broad and Holston, but with ample range and full liberty to penetrate into any settlements of Kentucky or Ohio, without hindrance, except from mountains, rivers and Indians! In 1841, which was 54 years thereafter, a preacher, now present, was sent to Greenbrier, but he was told by some of the "dear old Methodist who had seen the former days," that his circuit was a meager affair to that of 1787, though it then extended from Little Alleghany to Droop Mountain, and from above Anthony Creek to the meadows, embracing territory of 8 charges now. For some reason Greenbrier was a hard circuit to hold or keep in place. Sometimes in one Conference, then in another; first with Virginia Conference preachers, with Bedford and Orange Circuits; then with Baltimore Conference preachers, with work on the Holston and French Broad; then in 1791 in a District of Virginia Conference, extending out from Sussex, with James O. Kelly as Presiding Elder. In the Virginia Conference Greenbrier was well served in that office by Francis Poythress, Philip Bruce, and at two different times by Wm. McKendree. In 1803 Greenbrier is annexed to the Baltimore Conference and gives name to a District; in 1821 is in the Kenawha District, Kentucky Conference, and in 1825 back again in the Baltimore Conference. We can only think she must have been attractive to *Conferences*, though not always to lowland preachers. Only a few years since she was sought by Con-

*Stevens' History of the M. E. Church, volume IV, pages 510-511.

ferences, but no part of our territory clings with greater tenacity to "Old Baltimore," than Greenbrier.

In 1788 Rockingham Circuit was formed of the work of old Berkeley in the upper valley of the Shenandoah, embracing then the territory tending toward Tennessee and westward to the Alleghanies, under William Phoebus and James Riggin.

In 1789 the name of Botetourt appears with Henry Ogburn. The circuit was divided off from Rockingham. It must have been a circuit of ample proportions. There is a preacher present who in 1838, forty-nine years afterward, was sent to Botetourt. There was then a preaching place for every day in the month, and the territory reached from Roaring Run and Purgatory, toward Blacksburg and Christiansburg, up and down the Catawba, across the James River to Upper Botetourt, and from the Blue Ridge and Bent Mountain, to New Castle and Craigs Creek. There still lived some of "the good old Methodists" who remembered the old circuit of fifty years before, and who deplored "the cutting up of the work so that *two* preachers had to be paid where one had been enough fifty years before." Their fear of the ruin of the work was not verified, for the territory of Botetourt then, with its twenty-eight preaching places, and two poor meeting houses, which only we owned, presents the advance to this time of eleven circuits, twenty-six churches, eight parsonages—and for ministerial support twenty times the amount paid in 1840.

In 1790, Stafford was set off from Fairfax Circuit, under Thornton Fleming.

In 1791 Winchester Circuit was divided off from Berkeley and placed in charge of Richard Swift.

Alexandria was separated from Fairfax and placed in charge of Ezekiel Cooper in 1791. In Maryland, where the work had been explored before, new circuits continued to be formed and old ones divided. In Pennsylvania, Little York first appears in the Minutes in 1781, Juniata in 1784, and Huntingdon in 1788. In that Pennsylvania section, where these two last circuits had been formed, there had preceded those pioneers, usually foremost in the openings of American Methodism, the local preachers, among whom were Wm. Shaw, Thomas Lakin and John J. Jacob, Marylanders, who had penetrated to that western wilderness, and by their heroic labors they earned the title of the "*Three Bishops*."* Jacob had been a lieutenant in the Continental Army, and a hero at the battles of Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth and Camden; but more heroic still in encountering "the perils of the wilderness" and savage life among those early settlements, to plant the banner of Methodism. To Huntingdon, Michael Cryder, another local preacher, penetrated in 1775, and from the society he there formed, have followed conquests for Methodism to this day of increasing power.† When Samuel Breeze and Daniel Combs, appointed at the Conference 1788, advanced first to form the Huntingdon Circuit, it was to enter upon the labors of the local preachers named.

Carlisle Circuit follows in 1797.

In 1804 followed the Susquehanna District, James Smith, Presiding Elder, eloquent, though peculiar; Robert Burch, Henry Willis, Jacob Gruber, among the preachers. Joseph Carson followed, the year after, just admitted on trial

*Lednum, page 394.

†Lednum, page 395.

from Winchester, as Christopher Michael and Joseph Frye had been before from the same circuit. Joseph Carson, after years of heroic toil, died in peace, venerated as the most aged member of the Virginia Conference. From that time, 1804, forward, the conquests in Pennsylvania were amazing—from Northumberland in the east to the Red-stone and Pittsburg on the west. In 1810, portions of that work were set off to the Genessee Conference. In 1824 the Pittsburg Conference took still more. At a later time the remainder of that territory entered into the formation of the East Baltimore Conference, and which has since changed, and now constitutes the Central Pennsylvania Conference. Not one of the branches of "Old Baltimore" has a greater record—having advanced in education, culture, material wealth, and retaining still the characteristics of Methodism, equal to any Conference North or South.

Baltimore continued the place of Conference for all *north* of Maryland until 1789, when Conferences, having been appointed to meet at New York, Philadelphia and Trenton, preachers north of Maryland met at those places. But under preachers from Maryland, elsewhere, there had been advances. Jeremiah Lambert, whose first work was on Talbot, Maryland, in 1781, had been the first to cross the Alleghanies toward the Holston in 1783; and in that country, Swift, Tunnell, Henry Willis, Gilbert, Ware, Wilson Lee and others from our own fields had followed. Even before Lambert had entered there, some have supposed that Dromgoole and John King, formerly co-laborers with Strawbridge, as well as Dickens, had ventured from Carolina upward, across those Alleghanies into that Holston country, and from which Methodism was to begin its march into Tennessee and the southwest.

Northward, also, the banner of Methodism was borne from the Baltimore Conference by Fleming, Gruber, Hitt, Hemphill, Valentine Cook, Quinn, Nathaniel B. Mills, James Watts and Robert R. Roberts. They extended the work through Wheeling, Shenango, Erie, Wyoming, and the country bordering on the Great Lakes, eastward, as far as Tioga and Wyoming.

The Baltimore Conference preachers had extended their operations *west* from Redstone, Pittsburg and Clarksburg, and the Ohio, crossed by Peter Moriarty, Wilson Lee, Lasley Matthews, Joseph Chieuvrant, circuits were formed on the banks of the Muskingum and Sciota. As early as 1799, Robert Manly formed a circuit reaching from the Ohio river up the Muskingum, and organized the first society in Marietta. Jesse Stoneman followed him, and the work increased. Asa Shinn formed a circuit on the Hockkocking in 1803. James Quinn followed him the next year, and extended the work, including all the settlements on that river, and on the Muskingum and Sciota.

In 1793, when Thomas Scott was preaching on Frederick Circuit, Va., Henry Smith and Dr. Tiffin were converted. Another convert soon after was Francis McCormick, in the same neighborhood of Charlestown, influenced by the conversion of his young friend Smith. These three converts, with the preacher, Thomas Scott, were the men employed by the Lord to introduce Methodism in Ohio and the northwest.* McCormick, once a soldier of the revolution, of great physical strength and endurance, now a local preacher, crossed the Ohio, and built his cabin ten miles from the site of Cincinnati. He preached, and formed the first Methodist Society in the North Western territory.

*Recollections of H. Smith.

He influenced Ezekiel Dimmett, from Berkley county, Virginia, then in Kentucky, to come and help him, and his appeal to the Conference brought John Kobler to preach where Cincinnati now stands, then only a dense forest, with no house of worship erected, and menaced by indians.

Thomas Scott, after his appointment on the Ohio Circuit in 1793, located. In 1796, he introduced Methodism in Chillicothe, and Dr. Tiffin, a gifted local preacher, converted eleven years before under Scott, in Charlestown, Va., now co-operated in preaching through all that country. Henry Smith, the first convert under Scott, near Charlestown, as before named, also went by appointment to the Miami Circuit, and on his way he was accompanied by his old friend and fellow-convert, McCormick. Philip Gatch, early a preacher under Strawbridge, soon joined them in that Miami country.

Thus, from the Baltimore Conference went forth pioneers of Methodism through Ohio and the Northwestern territory. Scott became Judge of the Supreme Court; Tiffin was elected first Governor of Ohio and then Senator—both distinguished in civil life, yet more so in their integrity as laborious local preachers.

John Kobler located in Fredericksburg, Va., in 1819; but in 1836, without his own application, his name was placed on the superannuated list by the Baltimore Conference, and that grand pioneer died a member of our body.

Thus early, to preachers, local and traveling, from Maryland and Virginia, of Baltimore Conference, was accorded the privilege of first bearing the standard of Methodism *westward*. Other Conferences wheeling into line, have continued to carry it forward.

It was reserved afterward for Baltimore again to take the lead, when, in 1848, one of her young preachers, William Taylor, was selected for California; and he had with him, in the good ship *Andalusia*, which bore him on his voyage around Cape Horn and up the Pacific, the Baltimore Chapel—the first Protestant church erected in San Francisco—the chapel donated at Monument Street Church, Baltimore; arranged and wrought out by Baltimore Methodist mechanics, and from whose pulpit Taylor unfurled that same old banner Strawbridge first displayed in Maryland.

Coming back again to 1796, we have the name of Joshua Wells, an able minister, for many years in our Conference, admitted 1789. At an early time he labored further north in important fields. Especially he followed after the advance of Lee from our Conference, with Thomas F. Sargent, George Roberts, Jesse Stoneman, John Chalmers, William Phoebus, Nicholas Snethen and Freeborn Garretson, in planting the standard of Methodism in New England.

At this time appears the name of James Paynter, admitted on trial 1789; much exposed on frontier circuits—Redstone, Clarksburg, Tioga, Wyoming; thirty-eight years an itinerant. The church at Goshen, Md., is honored as the burial place of this holy, laborious minister.

About this time was completed the *active* itinerancy of Valentine Cook. He was born among the mountains of West Virginia, of the Greenbrier country. In early life a famous hunter, but afterward converted, he made his way from the log cabin of his parents in the mountains to Cokesbury College, and was a great student. He was admitted on trial 1788. His early education and devotion to classical, biblical and scientific studies, and which he continued afterward amidst all changes and vicissitudes, secured for him the reputation "as the most learned man of the Methodist ministry in his day." His intel-

lectual vigor thus quickened, combined with moral force and unction, had no superior in his time. Though uncouth, awkward, of "no symmetry of figure," as writes the historians,* "in which nature seemed to have paid no regard to order, strength or beauty," yet those who looked up to him felt at once that they were listening to a great man.

His preaching and controversial discourses in defence of Methodism held the thousands before him spell-bound. Early writers like Bishop Roberts, as well as traditions later, speak of the marvellous power of his discourses; yet we see this most learned man of the Methodist ministry leading the forces of the Baltimore Conference on circuits and districts, through Clarksburg, Redstone, Pittsburg, Wyoming, and amidst the Tioga Mountains; "walking thirty miles a day through mud and water," when his horse had given out, "and seventy miles" he walked to reach the head of the lake. He writes: "My trials are furious, but I am not discouraged." The next year we see him among the mountains of the Holston country, till broken down in health. Afterward he is in Kentucky devoting himself to the cause of education, in building up academic institutions; and he was early one of the greatest instructors in the West.

He acquired a thorough knowledge of German; preached as fluently in that language as in English, and responded to the call of Asbury to come and preach to "the vast body of Dutch" in the lake country. Wonderful man! Sometimes absent-minded, so that he walked a distance to his home, forgetting his horse, but no great thought escaped him. Amidst all his great thoughts, he was devotedly fond of music; yet so practical and statesmanlike, he calmed people amidst the stormy times of the "whiskey insurrection in Pennsylvania," for which President Washington sent thanks to him by letter. He closed the last year of his life, 1819, by visiting his old battle-fields in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia, Baltimore. Crowds flocked to hear him, and hundreds were converted. Yet he forgot not *Greenbrier* and the humble mountain cabin. Returning there, he greeted and preached to old friends of his hunting days; knelt at the grave of his parents; went back to his Kentucky home singing a lyric of victory from Wesley, and died soon after in triumph. The Baltimore Conference should keep in revered memory the name of Valentine Cook, her gifted preacher, and *Greenbrier* (now *Monroe*) should esteem it an honor "this man was born there."

But now we pause after the General Conference of 1800. Richard Whatcoat has been elected Bishop. He began his work in America in the Baltimore Conference; traveled five of its districts; stationed also in Baltimore Circuit; described in his memoir as "dead to envy, pride and praise, and at his death, with not enough of this world belonging to him to pay, if it had been required, his funeral expenses."

At the time of Whatcoat's election, it is well to observe that Enoch George is Presiding Elder of the District from Fairfax to Rockingham and to the Alleghanies, just vacated by McKendree, who goes to a district including *Greenbrier* and *Botetourt*. We look into the old Journal of 1800, the earliest record preserved of the Baltimore Conference. It only occupies two pages and part of a third—pages six by eight inches. The name of no Bishop appears as present, though Asbury was there; nor is there a list of preachers.

*Dr. Peck Dr. Stephenson.

The chief record is of re-admission of Enoch George, some locations, and "rejections of applications to travel;" also, that the question on granting a "supernumerary relation to Henry Willis, which caused a *debate of from four to five hours.*"

It was also voted that "James Smith's deficiency for 1799 should be paid out of his *marriage fees*," but as "Nelson Reed and Henry Willis had received *no* compensation as supernumeraries, they might retain their marriage fees." The next year the Journal is improved by recording the names of Asbury and Whatcoat present as Bishops; the names of 42 preachers present. The record further only embraces the recommendations of preachers copied—all on six small pages. Among those were recorded the recommendations of A. Shinn, 1801; Robert R. Roberts, from "*N. W. of the Ohio*," 1802; James Watts, from Greenbrier, 1804.

The financial exhibits merit attention, at Conference of 1803:

Collection for Conference claimants.....	\$1,421 69
Whole deficiency and every demand met.	1,082 91
<i>Surplus sent to New England and Northern Conferences...</i>	<i>\$ 338 68</i>

Similar liberality had been shown to the *New England* and *Northern* Conferences the year before, and was repeated in some years following.

Evidently, the Baltimore Conference had reached to a full degree of its importance in 1806, in its response to the "circular letter of Rev. Bishop Coke, D.D." They advised him "not to encounter the expense and danger of the seas to come again to America;" they were "satisfied with Asbury and Whatcoat alone;" told him he had "departed from his engagement," and intimated that "if a Bishop or preacher disabled himself by matrimony from serving them, they claimed the sacred right of dismissing him and choosing another to fill his place." On the committee which drafted this letter were G. Roberts, D. Hitt, Nelson Reed.

Dr. Coke's reply was a model of gentleness and love, yet asserted that though "a Bishop should be under the General Conference, yet the General Conference had no right to say to a Bishop not under ecclesiastical censure, you shall be reduced to a mere preacher." To this the Baltimore Conference, reflecting that they had probably exceeded their powers, replied in more respectful tone.

The Conference seemed to have felt its importance again, in their report made in relation to the exercise of power by the Bishops in setting off the "eighth" or "Genessee Conference," yet they prudently advised submission.

At the General Conference for 1808 Wm. McKendree was elected and ordained Bishop. He was a man for the times. His intellect was strong; his frame robust. He had served, at the call of Virginia, in the army of the Revolution as adjutant, and was present at the surrender at Yorktown. His early morals were unstained with open vice. In 1787, at 30 years of age, converted in the Brunswick Circuit, under John Easter, he started in 1788 as a Methodist itinerant, yet with great modesty and distrust of his abilities. He hardly escaped discomfiture at the entrance on his first circuit. We have referred to him as the Presiding Elder from Fairfax to the Alleghanies; afterward in Greenbrier and Botetourt; then to the frontiers of the Holston, whence he returned to the General Conference to be elected Bishop. Dr. Bangs, then a

spectator, describes his presence and preaching "in Light Street Church," crowded on Sunday morning before his election: "His countenance sunburnt; his clothing ordinary; with a red flannel shirt which showed between his vest and small-clothes; so that some were mortified that such a man should appear on that occasion. But as he advanced, his voice rose gradually till it sounded like a trumpet and thrilled the assembly. The house rang with irrepressible responses; many fell to the floor; an athletic man sitting by my side fell as shot by a cannon ball; I felt my own heart melting, and feared I would fall from my seat." "That sermon, said Asbury, will decide his election," though before, he had favored Jesse Lee's appointment.

In the old Journal of 1809-10-11-12-13-14, there is an interesting correspondence with the UNITED BRETHREN, or German Methodists. It was commenced by Bishops Asbury and McKendree, and continued from year to year by committees of the Conference. It was responded to by Martin Boehm, George Adam Geeding, Christian Newcomer and others. Then there seemed a nearness of one body to the other, tending to organic union—yet it failed.

Rules of government were adopted for the Conference in 1810, and re-enacted by us until a few years since. By other of the branches of the Baltimore Conference the same old "Rules" are annually re-enacted.

In 1809 the Conference Journal appears with the Bishop's signature; in the years before, the secretary had only signed.

In 1806 the Conference, by a vote of 30 to 11, sent around resolutions to the other six Conferences, to concur in the provision for a Delegated General Conference. They were approved, and went up to General Conference of 1808, and they were ratified.

We revert now to the close of the election of delegates by the Baltimore Conference for the GENERAL CONFERENCE in 1812. Those elected would compare with elections later. Asa Shinn, in general literature well versed; in mental philosophy and metaphysical reasoning, excelled by none; a preacher of power and of experience on the frontier, yet suitable to any city pulpit; his intellect of highest order. Nicholas Speethen, the most eloquent in melody of voice, and in oratorical power not excelled. Enoch George and Robert R. Roberts, of whom it is enough to say that each was elected Bishop four years after. Wm. Ryland, neat in dress, his manners dignified, his voice of surpassing melody, and, by the statesman, Wm. Pinkney, pronounced the greatest pulpit orator he had ever heard. Six times he was elected chaplain to Congress, and senators heard him with increasing admiration. In my boyhood he was pastor of my parents, and I heard old people say that he was the most eloquent in the city. General Jackson sought him first of all when he came to Washington for his inauguration, and the people gazed at him as he still rode gracefully, a Methodist preacher, on horseback, to offer morning prayer at the "White House," by request of the President. Another delegate elect was James Smith, the equal of Ryland in high intellect and commanding eloquence. Ryland may have been superior in his knowledge of Latin, Greek and Hebrew, but Smith was well versed in English literature, and with a voice of such variety of intonation as to communicate with effect his thoughts, whether on the floor of Conference in debate, or in ministration of the divine word. The remaining delegates were Joseph Toy, the first secretary, whose

name is on our Journal, professor at one time in Cokesbury College, Robert Burch, Hamilton Jefferson, Andrew Hemphill—excellent ministers, heroic on widely distant fields—and one more, Jacob Gruber, quaint and witty, a close student, valiant for Methodism against all attacks, whom Asbury employed to preach in German as well as English.

Bishop Whatcoat, one of our early Conference laborers, closed his life in 1806, after a short period of six years as Bishop.

Rev. Dr. Thomas Coke, our first Bishop, who commenced as such in Baltimore, at the ordination of Asbury, had died on his voyage as a missionary to India, and was buried in the Indian Ocean, May 3d, 1814. His death touched with grief the hearts of Methodists throughout the world. To serve the cause of American Methodism he had crossed the Atlantic eighteen times. No other Conference had so dissented from some of his views, or had so plainly spoken to him of his mistakes; yet none in America so admired and loved him, and remembered their obligations to him. Still we think of him as our *first* and great Bishop, and whose spirit for missions still stirs our Conference.

On the 31st of March, 1816, Bishop Asbury died, in the 71st year of his age. For nearly a half century he had stood at the head of American Methodism, and impressed on its yearly increasing numbers the greatness of his character. His relations to the Baltimore Conference had been most intimate. He had early served in charge of the Baltimore Circuit. He had been prevailed on by vote of Conference to accept a "traveling companion" from our number; and John W. Bond ministered to him in his travels, of whom he says "is there his equals." John W. Bond supported his head when dying, and received from him his last word of triumph. His remains, first brought to Eutaw vault, now rest at Mt Olivet, in our midst.

With one Bishop only remaining—the venerable McKendree—at the General Conference of 1816 two more were chosen—Enoch George and Robert R. Roberts. Both had been tried laborers in the Baltimore Conference. Bishop George traveled first in lower Virginia, but nearly all his effective ministry had been in our territory. Bishop Roberts had been admitted on trial in our Conference; the recommendation recorded "*from beyond the Ohio.*"

What changes must now have appeared on the roll of the old Conference to the venerable McKendree and a few veterans who remained. Five who had labored over its fields had been elected to the episcopacy—Asbury, Whatcoat, McKendree, George and Roberts. Some of the most gifted and experienced had moved northward to opening fields—Phoebus, Burch, Thomas Ware, Freeborn Garretson and others. Other changes, sad and tender, had come, yet triumphant to the workmen removed. Nicholas Watters, one of Strawbridge's band, who had preached from Maryland to South Carolina, where he died of yellow fever. Wilson Lee, one of the oldest itinerants, having preached in the strongest circuits and districts, as well as "hazarding his life on the frontiers of Ohio and Kentucky, where Indians were the terror of the sparse settlements; riding from station to station, from fort to fort, exposed to savage cruelty."* Henry Willis—prized by Asbury; of rare gifts and acquirements; first from the South, but afterward on fields from Carolina to New York and from Maryland to the lakes; the latter twelve years of his life supernumerary in Baltimore and Frederick. Leonard Cassell—wonderfully endowed; of

* Minutes.

"astonishing genius," great pulpit power; "the Summerfield of his time;" spoken of for fifty years after his death by those who remembered him for his piety and eloquence. He was swept down in 1808, at Fell's Point, Baltimore, by the yellow fever; but he fell at his post, as had before Dickins, Dougharty, Ragan, Brush, King, Early and Riggin, who had fallen under that malignant scourge.

Thus death had moved the veterans away. Still the old Conference starts forth, after this depletion of her roll, with the vitality of former years, and we see coming forward, in the years opening from 1816 to 1824, Job Guest—conservative; faithful in responsible appointments—from the shores of Lake Erie down through Maryland to Southwestern Virginia.

Alfred Griffith—small in stature, but strong in intellect; strong in purpose; skillful in debate; even *daring* in his resistance of supposed restriction, by episcopal intervention, of petition or debate. Pre-eminent in counsel, he excelled, yet more as a mighty expositor of scripture truth. Heroic in labors; early in the Wyoming county, where the fare was then poor and coarse and privations great, he bore himself nobly, as afterward in Baltimore and in the chief cities of the Conference, he commanded the respect of all classes for the great powers of his mind and the exaltation of his character.

Stephen George Roszel was now prominent in our Conference and to the view of American Methodism—a name still cherished. He was admitted on trial in 1789. In 1796, like most itinerants who married, he located. In 1807 he was re-admitted. His great powers were soon felt. Of strong mind, ready elocution and great physical ability, he was forward in every work of a Methodist preacher—valiant in defence of our doctrines in public controversy; mighty in revivals; one of the earliest advocates of enlarged education, and by his personal appeal, aided in college endowment. He quailed before no opponent, and resisted effectively every proposed innovation. He lived to see the darkest troubles passed, and our "Zion a quiet habitation; a place of broad rivers and streams." He was a member of every delegated General Conference from the first till his death in 1841. As a preacher he was more powerful still, and at camp-meetings would hold the thousands who listened to him for two hours, as under a "solemn awe that dares not move."

Beverly Waugh was among the advancing men of the Conference, from 1816 to 1828. He commenced his itinerant ministry when 20 years of age. Never the eloquent or attractive preacher only, yet often mighty in the demonstration of the spirit; his prayers, more powerful than sermons, moved camp meetings and Conferences. The elegant Virginia gentleman; the good secretary; the exact book agent; the "tender, beloved Bishop of after years."

James Watts, faithful, early on the frontier through Shenango, Erie and the lake country, the good preacher and presiding elder amidst the valley and mountains of Virginia. This venerable minister, of fifty-three years service in the itinerancy, was afterward represented by three sons-in-law and his grandson in the Conference.

Joseph Frye, who gave way to grief and tears when first appointed to "Baltimore City Station," fearing his limited attainments, but whose sermons, exhortations and anecdotes, according to that great thinker and writer, the elder Dr. Bond, "swayed the great congregations of 'Light street,' 'Entaw,' and 'Old Town,' and, with each new recital, there were those who still wept and shouted."

James M. Hanson, strong in intellect, firm in purpose, and who held the helm with a steady hand in stormy times.

Lewis Fechtige, fervent in spirit, eloquent in utterance; early sent to important stations; advanced to the presiding eldership in Greenbrier, in the seventh year of his ministry. On the Baltimore District, to which he was a few years afterward appointed, and where he died, his memoir states "he went as a blazing torch around the district."

Tobias Reiley, a strong preacher, of strong constitution for effective work.

James Reiley, of feeble physical frame, but with strength of mind and analytical power; an excellent preacher, a ready debater, and of influence, whose son, an able minister for 40 years, still bears, in a sister Conference, the standard of Baltimore Methodism.

Gerard Morgan, whose early ministry we track from the Susquehannah country down through Maryland, then in the mountains of Pendleton, the preacher of Rockingham, endeared to the fervent Methodists there of early time; then for years, from one district to another, the veteran presiding elder of the Virginia valley, and of the mountains beyond to Greenbrier, where old men, who still linger, tell how he preached in power. In after years, in fields below and in Baltimore, he labored efficiently. Three of his sons have been eminent in the ministry of Baltimore Conference, and one an eminent educator in the city, "as plants grown up in their youth."

John Bear, spiritual, earnest, conservative, the able sermonizer; on baptism, unanswerable. One of his sons and three of his sons-in-law, in the traveling ministry, remain witnesses for old Baltimore Conference Methodism.

John Davis, large in person, his mind of larger mould. In the sixth year of his ministry, at Fell's Point 1,000 were added to the Church. Statesman-like in counsel; no one in Conference was wiser. Able as a Conference leader, yet grand and powerful as a preacher. He excelled in exhortation. By all he was acknowledged "a prince in Israel." He bowed in reverence to the Baltimore Conference, as the best exponent of American Methodism; and the Conference honored him as the mind most experienced, and even balanced and controlling on the roll-call of her sons. His last words were—"Happy, happy, peaceful! Tell the Conference all is peace!"

John Emory appeared in the Baltimore Conference in 1818; eight years before admitted into the Philadelphia Conference. He was classically educated, and early devoted himself to the profession of the law, and the highest place of wealth, power and fame in his State was in prospect. But from these he turned away, and from the profession of the law, to be an *itinerant Methodist preacher*.* It was not without a struggle, but bravely he triumphed. Emory, inflexible in will, of comprehensive mind, with habits of study, even rigid; ready in utterance, and of logical faculty extraordinary, and wholly consecrated to God; from the time he "*wrote a covenant and signed it*," appeared as fitted for the work of the Church. He filled important stations; volunteered to Asbury for Canada and for the west; he was delegate to the British Conference; the able book agent; the accomplished editor; the polished writer of able treatises on our economy and our Episcopacy; quailing before no antagonist; valiant for the "defence of the Fathers." Elected a Bishop in 1832, then a delegate from the Baltimore Conference, the Church

* Memoir in Minutes.

hoped largely from one so pure and learned. But his sudden death—thrown from his carriage on the highway, December 16, 1835, even prevented a parting word, as his soul ascended to glory. "But he being dead yet speaketh." (Life of Emory, by his son.)

John Summerfield was a member of the Baltimore Conference in 1824. All classes and ranks in society flocked to hear him. His excellence was beyond all praise, and his holy character impressed hearts.

We have reached in the history of the Baltimore Conference to 1824.

Among our delegates to the General Conference that year was Joshua Soule. He had been stationed in Baltimore, and was now elected Bishop. Elected before in 1820, he refused to accept, in view of the resolutions on the presiding eldership. But these now "suspended," he accepted the office untrameled.

Let us now take a review from 1836 over the 16 years preceding. In 1821 NORVAL WILSON was "admitted on trial" from the bounds of the Monongahela District, young in years, tall and commanding in appearance, yet not robust; his expression most solemn, yet as he often appeared, especially as he ascended the pulpit, a radiance was on his face as though he had just come from the place of communion. Gifted in mind and rich in acquirements, assiduous in study, spiritual, consecrated, he at once impressed the Church with the fervor of his ministry. An easy elocution, force and originality of expression, and a richness of language commanding the congregations he addressed, attested the power of the word he uttered. In the *eighth* year of his ministry he was advanced to the presiding eldership, and ever after till his death, he was a leader in the counsels of the Church, and filled with usefulness its most responsible appointments. His son is with us to day, one of the honored Bishops of our Church.

Samuel Bryson, of great originality of thought, not depending immediately on books, but following processes of his own strong thoughts.

William Hamilton, gentle, winning, faithful, filling most responsible stations and districts. Our Conference is indebted to him for his researches into its early history.

Charles B. Tippet, a strong laborer, associate with John Poisal in North Baltimore, 1838-9, when thousands were converted.

Thomas J. Dorsey, renowned above any other in the Conference in the gift of exhortation.

Henry Slicer, zealous, bold, effective, successful as a preacher, ready in debate, of tact and force of appeal for contributions, of benevolence, in labors abundant, a man with the people, and several times elected chaplain to Congress.

Wm. Prettyman, of great excellence of character, esteemed an able preacher in circuits of Virginia, in stations in Pennsylvania and in Baltimore, and an efficient presiding elder.

John A. Gere, admitted in 1823, was now making his way forward as an efficient laborer and fearless advocate for Methodist polity. In the years following he filled responsible stations and districts, and, as the aged and honored member of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, died in peace.

The twelve years previous had been most trying. Changes in government and "reforms" had been advocated with too much haste and undue warmth. With more of deliberation, changes might have soon come, which later fol-

lowed. But the Baltimore Conference could bear no innovation on the tried itinerancy or honored episcopacy, interwoven with the history of their fathers. This drew to the defence the strong minds of the Conference—Soule, Emory, Roszell, and the elder Thomas E. Bond, of the local ministry. The sentiment and feeling of the preachers and people responded to their manly appeals, approving our itinerancy and episcopacy. Whatever changes have followed, the heart of our Conference responds the same to-day.

Reverting to those days, the regret is, not that differences of opinion were drawn out, for thereby the strength of our organization was proven, but it is sad to think so much acrimony and bitterness accompanied; and now, after the lapse of more than a half century, viewing the entire subsidence of those waters of strife, we take encouragement, that if such a chasm of bitterness has been so far bridged between two distinct organizations, why may not any other in the future of our Methodism.

One more decade carries us forward to 1844. Steadily had the Conference advanced until her membership was 60,000 and her ministers numbered 260. The rigid course of study arranged by Bishop Emory and increased facilities for study, with the lessening of appointments of circuits and multiplication of stations, had stimulated the young preachers then coming forward. Then followed a supply of ministerial efficiency that gave tone and character to our Conference among our people.

Among the laborers then forward we name George Hildt, successful in stations, and as a Presiding Elder, accorded great judgment "as a counsellor in filling his work." Henry Tarring—of great pathos; as a Presiding Elder, most efficient. N. J. B. Morgan—an effective preacher, a strong Presiding Elder, a counsellor sought out. Joseph Merriken—prized as a devoted man, a pastor beloved.

George G. Cookman—full of faith and the Holy Ghost; with thought and voice and manner that moved the congregations where he labored; his words were spirit and life. Crowds gathered in the churches and at the camp-meetings when he preached. Elected chaplain to Congress, his preaching was of great effect in winning some of that body to Christ. The ship that was to bear him to see again his honored parents at his birth-place in England went down beneath the Atlantic's waves; but his gifted sons afterward preached in power the truth before uttered by the father.

Robert Emory, son of the Bishop—wholly consecrated; highly educated; of rare powers of government; the able president of college.

John A. Collins—of strong endowment of mind; the leading *debater* in the Conference; of great beauty and force of expression; when favored with the *right* side, irresistible in argument or force of illustration. As a *preacher* greater still. In oratory, mastery of voice and moving power, he had no superior in his Conference. In the pulpit he drew his illustrations mainly from the Bible and from history, relying less on the mere reading of *many* books than his daily observations and study of man as he passed before him, the intuitions of his own mind and the power of the Holy Ghost. He arrested the attention of crowded audiences in Baltimore in "old Light Street," Eutaw and churches east of the Falls; but greater still to him, when, under the grand old trees at a camp-meeting in Baltimore county or in the Virginia valley, or especially in his favorite "old Loudoun," before a congregation sometimes of

10,000, his thought and voice and manner in beauty blending under the Spirit's power, "crowned Jesus Lord of all."

One other name we present—Stephen Asbury Roszell, of a sire renowned on itinerant fields; in classic lore, equal to any of his brethren; experienced an educator; as a preacher most gifted; in rapidity and spontaneity of utterance, unequalled in Conference; in sweeping sarcasm and denunciation of fashionable vice, terrific; yet tenderness and pathos often swayed the crowds that gathered to hear him, and every station he filled had revivals of power. In the churches of Baltimore where he was stationed, increasing crowds attended, till even a place to stand could not be obtained; but in his own native Loudoun his spirit often soared in greater freedom. Thousands gathered there to hear him in the "fields of the wood," for the walls of no church could contain them. Technically, he was no visiting pastor. From exhaustion after public speaking he sought not the people at their homes, yet his congregations were always on the increase. His preaching reached beyond by reports of those who heard, and others sought to hear him.

The gifted ones who thus moved on through this period to 1846 have passed away to the rest for the laborers. Others, less gifted or prominent, whom we have not named, are yet gratefully remembered for their worth and successful work—meritorious as those we have sketched. To that class of laborers our Conference may be more indebted, for their zeal and adaptiveness to work, than to any other.

Local Preachers rise to view; some of great endowments and excellency of speech, eminent in counsel; others of plain gifts, earnest laborers, yet all aids to those in the regular connection. Sometimes in advance, following the example of Strawbridge, McCormick, Scott, Tiffin, Wooster and Crider—opening the way for the triumphant march of the traveling ministry. We dare not now name them, or to linger around their achievements and earnest work of many of the local preachers in Maryland, Virginia or Pennsylvania, and especially of those in Baltimore, so Wesleyan in plan. One, the Rev. Isaac P. Cook, of great excellency, recently passed away, could well have filled out such a chapter.

Visitors most distinguished were drawn to our sessions. Wilbur Fisk, of classic taste and elegance. Nathan Bangs, in preaching fervent, and strong in defence of Methodist doctrine and polity. Henry Bascom, under whose preaching crowds filled churches, or gathered in number of ten thousand at a Baltimore camp meeting, most of whom stood three hours under the words of the great preacher. John P. Durbin, who, as though he never intended to captivate, yet stealthily wove around his hearers his cords of beauty, and then carried all away in the rush of his eloquence. Stephen Olin, whose thoughts, massive and grand, no one wearied under through a discourse of two hours. John McClintock, accurate in statement, chaste, classical, strong. These and other visitors, so gifted and eminent, could not fail to awaken interest at our sessions, and stimulate to improvement.

We now approach 1844. Of the eight Bishops who, before their election to that office, had their work and membership in the Baltimore Conference, six had bowed in death—Asbury, Whatcoat, McKendree, George, Roberts, Emory. Two still remained, Joshua Soule and Beverly Waugh. These, with three

others, elected from other work—Elijah Hedding, James O. Andrew, Thomas A. Morris—constituted the Episcopal College.

With the year 1844 also, we stand in that momentous epoch of our Conference history, when the Methodist Episcopal Church had adopted a "plan of separation," and *two* distinct ecclesiastical organizations resulted. Of those movements and events in that time of agitation, now after the lapse of 40 years, we say nothing. With few exceptions, those who were actors then, on either side, have disappeared, and doubtless gone to join the "blood besprinkled band" in the harmonious home above.

For reasons satisfactory to the majority, the same relation was continued by the Conference to the Methodist Episcopal Church during the years which intervened before the civil strife. Of the events of those years, other than the spiritual prosperity and maintenance of our organization, good taste, apart from fraternal relations established, would incline us to make no reference. Sufficient that we say that in 1866 we united formally with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, not according to the "plan of separation," but under provisions we recognized as a Conference in Staunton, 1861. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, so received us. With such connection, we have only now to do in Conference session. We are not unmindful that other Annual Conferences, with whose members we once were associated, and who trace with us their origin to the Conference of 1785, hold on their way in prosperity and honor in the Methodist Episcopal Church. In their prosperity, future, we shall rejoice, and for it we will pray, not only as we would for another denomination, but more so, as a part of that Methodist family that followed on from our great pioneer, Strawbridge, that received new energy from the organic life imparted at the Christmas Conference of 1784, and whose fathers and our fathers—our Asbury, our Whatcoat, our McKendree, our George, our Roberts, our Emory, our Watters, our Garretson, our Lee, Bruce, Willis and others, they talk of filially as we do. Without any abatement of pretension and claim equally of "Baltimore Conference," the title still descending to us in its original force, though in connection with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, yet our first love is for Methodism, wherever we meet it, and our prayer is for prosperity on the Central Pennsylvania, the Pittsburg, the Genessee, the West Virginia and the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church: on all who descended from the original Baltimore Conference, from which the Western Virginia and Baltimore Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, have also come.

Some of the most esteemed and honored of this body, now departed, whose names for years before, or since 1866, were enrolled among us, have not been called—Vietch, Lenz, Trout, Shoaff, Smith, Nally, Tebbs, Etchison, Pitzer, Ball, Coe, Brooke, Perry, Higgins, Gray, Sargent, Wheelwright, Gilbert, Busey, Hank, Linn, Munsey, Jamisson, Arbogast, Regester, Allen, Poisal, S. Samuel Roszel, Vandiver! These but lately were with this body in annual session. One by one they fell upon the field of honor. Their excellencies are remembered better than we could name them, and which would be superfluous here. They crossed over before us. But may they not look down from their seats above upon this centennial session? "Unperceived they mix the throng." May it not be as once they sang with us—

"E'en now by faith we join our hands
With those that went before,
And greet the blood-besprinkled bands
On the eternal shore."—(Hymn 716.)

Delightful would it be, if possible, to look through the Minutes, mark the number and triumphs of all those once enrolled on Baltimore Conference records, whether they died in the traveling or local ministry, and number, too, the thousands of the laity who sat under their ministry. Could the veil be parted and those glorified ones of a "*hundred years*" mingle with us on this Centennial of our Conference, there could be but one acclaim, "mightier than the voice of many waters"—"Behold, what hath God wrought!"

After awhile, one by one, we shall have severed Conference relations here; we shall await the final roll-call of the grand old Conference above. Not one who died rejoicing here will be missing there. There will be our Bishops departed; the heroic itinerants of early times; the aged, superannuated once here; the young who died at their post. The multitudes of our people will there hear the voices of their preachers again, and the imperfect records of Methodist history of Baltimore Conference will be filled out in the recital of their experience, through eternity.

Thus only partially have we mapped out some of the incidents and sketched briefly some of the characters in the history of our Conference, extending through its one hundred sessions. To comply *fully* with your request of yesterday—in addition, to embrace in my address "*The Centenary of the Organization of Methodism in America*"—may not be practicable in the time allowed. It is closely interwoven with the history of the Baltimore Conference which we have presented. Looking back through our one hundred sessions of Conference history, we ask: What gave force to our operations and brought success? We must trace this, under God, to the *organization* at the "Christmas Conference of 1784," that immediately preceded the *first* Conference in our sessional history. So also, as to American Methodism at large. It took organic form at the Christmas Conference of 1784, and its present mighty achievements have followed, under the Divine Spirit, from the systematic operations of the organization then commenced. Wesley did well, at the distance he was, in sending to America, Boardman, Pilmoor and Rankin, his assistants, clothed with instructions and authority; but better still after the Christmas Conference, when rules and plans and instructions were sketched out, and a *living* Bishop was there ordained to execute them.

Like all previous movements in Methodism, this Christmas General Conference had been outlined by *Providence*. The war of the Revolution, resulting in American Independence, had sundered from them the English Church establishment.

The "question of ordinances" could no more disturb. The question of the *right* of the people to the sacraments administered by preachers under whom they were converted—a right for which "Strawbridge *pleaded*," and in manly independence would not defer to an English establishment, though Asbury's rigorous judgment might be encountered, and even Wesley's advice at a distance not apparently heeded; a right for which Gatch, Dickens, Cole, Nelson Reed, Reuben Ellis, Henry Willis and the "majority of preachers at Fluvanna Conference, in 1779, *pleaded*," but who "consented, for the sake of peace and the union of the body of Methodists, to drop the ordinances for a season, till Wesley should be consulted." The surrender at Yorktown had "broken down that middle wall of partition."

Now Wesley, as in previous movements of Methodism, was, in advance, to enter the openings of Providence. The Rev. Thomas Coke, L.L. D., he ordained a Bishop, and also Richard Whatcoat and Thomas Vasey, Elders. They arrived at New York, November 3d, 1784. Eleven days afterward, at Barret's Chapel, fifteen preachers and a host of laity were present. While Coke was preaching, Asbury came into the congregation. After sermon, as described by Coke, "a plain, robust man came up in the pulpit and kissed me;" he knew it "could be no other than Mr. Asbury."

To summon preachers to the Christmas Conference, it is said that young Freeborn Garretson rode, in six weeks, twelve hundred miles. The week before assembling, Coke, Whatcoat, Vasey and Asbury were at Perry Hall, the residence of Harry Dorsey Gough, near Baltimore, described by Coke as "the most elegant house in the State," and by Black, from Nova Scotia, as "the most spacious and elegant building he had seen in America." Mr. Gough and his wife had been converted with many of their large family—many of their negro servants—before; and the full influence of this man of great wealth and family was now openly for Methodism.

There Coke and Asbury had a week to mature plans for the Conference action. On the 24th of December they were present in "Lovely Lane" with 60 preachers out of the whole number—80—then in America, assembled in General Conference. Coke's letter of authority from Mr. Wesley was read. Mr. Asbury, though appointed by Wesley, declined Episcopal ordination, unless he should be formally elected. Coke and Asbury received the unanimous vote of the Conference. The sermon of Coke at the Episcopal consecration of Asbury made a profound impression.

From that Conference we contemplate as a result, the great **Methodist Episcopal Church of America**, divided since into more than one "*organization*" by "plans" adopted by the General Conference. First, that of Canada; next, that of 1844, which was to be adopted, and dependent only on the provision "if the Conferences in the South find it necessary;" yet all these organizations, adhering to the original principle, looked back to the starting point of power in that Christmas Conference. Other bodies starting off from these, derived indirectly their existence and powers from the same principle, though differing as *non-Episcopal*.

The very existence of such bodies dates subsequently to the organization of Episcopal Methodism. Others may proceed farther still, and claim original right to choose even a congregational or independent form. We concede their right. But how far can such carry forward continuously the mission of Methodism, and extend itself to the "regions beyond." That can only be done by retaining, at least, some of the forms—executive, connectional, itinerant—and with power to raise up ministers and send them forward, which inhered in the organization of 1784. The operations of Methodism in England, and its subsequent history in America, have proved that where the connectional feature and the itinerancy are absent, there is no permanency or aggressiveness of march to newer fields.

The movement of the eloquent Wm. Hammett in South Carolina, in 1791, at first so pretentious and promising, was a failure. The furious onslaught of James O. Kelly, a man of greater force, a few years afterward, with his "Republican Methodists"—as Lee represents them, "societies formed on the leveling plan"—resulted, in a short time, in disintegration, or in years follow-

ing, as minute fragments, without the retention of one Methodistic feature, to be absorbed by other denominations. Not a vestige, monumental of their boasts of individual liberty, and the independence or "sovereignty of their churches," have survived the ninety years since, which have witnessed our advance unequalled.

These *organized* agencies of American Methodism have been effectually tried *now for 100 years*; tried amid all varied circumstances possible; tried amidst the world's raillery, the sport of its wit, the contempt of its pride; tried by the prelatical pretensions that dared challenge their claims; tried by the angry mobs raised to oppose their triumphant march; tried in the storms of persecution—when Hartley was imprisoned in Talbot Jail, and he preached through the windows of his prison to people who gathered to hear him from ten to fifteen miles around; when Garretson was struck on the head by a judge of the county; at another time he was thrown into prison. Tried when John Cooper had "hot embers thrown upon him;" when Philip Gatch, in his own *free* Maryland, was mobbed and beaten and tarred, and in *free* Virginia, too, in Sussex, he encountered brutal treatment; when Asbury was mobbed in Charleston; when Peddicord, Ware and others were most cruelly outraged and beaten. Yet despite of the trials to which Methodism and its heralds were subjected, it steadily advanced. It stands out to-day the firmest and best established and most aggressive of any form of Protestant evangelism.

It *changes* little, while others are changing in spirit, doctrine, and even taking on forms approximating our own. American Methodism has never changed a doctrine in the last 100 years. The testimony of its members; of their experience of sins forgiven; the witness of the spirit to their adoption; the power of regenerating grace, and that the "blood of Christ cleanseth from all sin," continues the same, and has been the uniform expression of genuine, faithful Methodists year by year to this time—ever since Strawbridge held the first Methodist class-meeting in America. In the one hundred years past it never has had a stir on the question of ordinances since the preachers were ordained with power to administer. Modes of finance have changed, metes and bounds of circuits have altered, but *itinerancy* is now practically vital as in the days of Asbury. The power to appoint still inheres in the Bishop, and is confessed—the same as in the beginning.

Our episcopacy stands out to-day more justified than ever. John Wesley's ordination of Dr. Coke, and Coke's ordination of Francis Asbury, both claimed as scriptural in the grand sermon by Dr. Coke, have received ample verification in the last 100 years. That *first* ordination of a Protestant Bishop on American soil, and that *first* organization of an Episcopal Church on this Continent, may be a sufficient answer to any who, in their blindness of ecclesiastical history, speak of our having left them, as "mother church."

The Methodist Episcopal Church, in 1784, was first to organize. The Protestant Episcopal Church organized 1790, six years later; and Thomas Coke and Francis Asbury were ordained Bishops more than three years before any other Bishops who appeared in America.

Not with pride, not in vain boast, but in humble gratitude we praise God to-day, after one hundred years of our organization, and continued superintendence by our Bishops, amidst all variety of conditions and travel, from times of Coke and Asbury, there has never been a soil on any one of the Methodist Bishops. There has never been hesitation or delay of ten minutes in a

General Conference, North or South, to pass the character of a Methodist Bishop from any allegation of immorality.

In this we only "magnify the *grace of God*" to our Church, and trust that in answer to a praying ministry and membership, He may ever direct in the selection of our chief pastors, and that they may be upheld by Him in all the toils and responsibilities of their office.

Standing in this centennial, and contemplating Methodism in the multiplication of her membership, resources of her colleges, and the agencies of her publication, their magnitude is amazing!

Her sunday school system has advanced from their first institution in America by Asbury, at the house of Thomas Crenshaw, in Hanover county, Virginia, in 1786, and their first recognition by an American church, by vote of Methodist Conferences. Their vitality and enlargement every year keep pace with the revivals at her altars, and the multiplication of her churches. At first her home mission work claimed all her resources. Her missionary operations in foreign fields, now, are extensive. Organized in 1819, they have steadily advanced. In the future, greater enlargement of the mission field is promised in foreign lands, while at this time American Methodism is extending her operations over new fields in our own frontier work, more extensively than our fathers in their glorious labors and sufferings were privileged to witness.

In all these departments of christian enterprise, American Methodism in this centennial of her organization, we can only exclaim—"Behold, what hath God wrought."

"When He first the work begun,
Small and feeble was his day;
Now the Word doth swiftly run,
Now it wins its widening way."—(Hymn 767.)

REPORT OF CENTENARY COMMITTEE.

The Centenary Committee of the Baltimore Annual Conference, M. E. Church, South, have adopted the following plan for regulating the centenary observances of the year within the bounds of the Conference:

Resolved 1. That special efforts be employed for the promotion of spiritual life and revivals.

2. That mass meetings be held in each district, and at such times and places as the District Conference may appoint, and at each District Conference, at which suitable addresses should be delivered.

3. That centenary meetings be held in all our congregations on the first Sunday in October, to be continued on successive Sabbaths, as may be required, on circuits.

4. That children's meetings be held during the month of June in all the churches; the money collected on children's day to be devoted to the creation of a fund for the establishment and benefit of Sunday-schools in needy sections of our Conference, and that the money thus raised be placed in the hands of the Sunday-school Board, to be appropriated by them as indicated in this resolution.

5. It is recommended that the centenary year be used as a suitable time for payment of all local church debts, and building and repairing churches and parsonages.

6. That all moneys collected for educational purposes, except such as may be otherwise directed by the donors, shall be applied to the endowment of Randolph Macon College.

7. That earnest efforts be made by scriptural methods, on all suitable occasions during the year, to raise money for connectional objects, as specified by the General Committee.

8. It is recommended that all Conference collections be made by the first Sunday in September.

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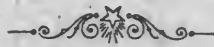
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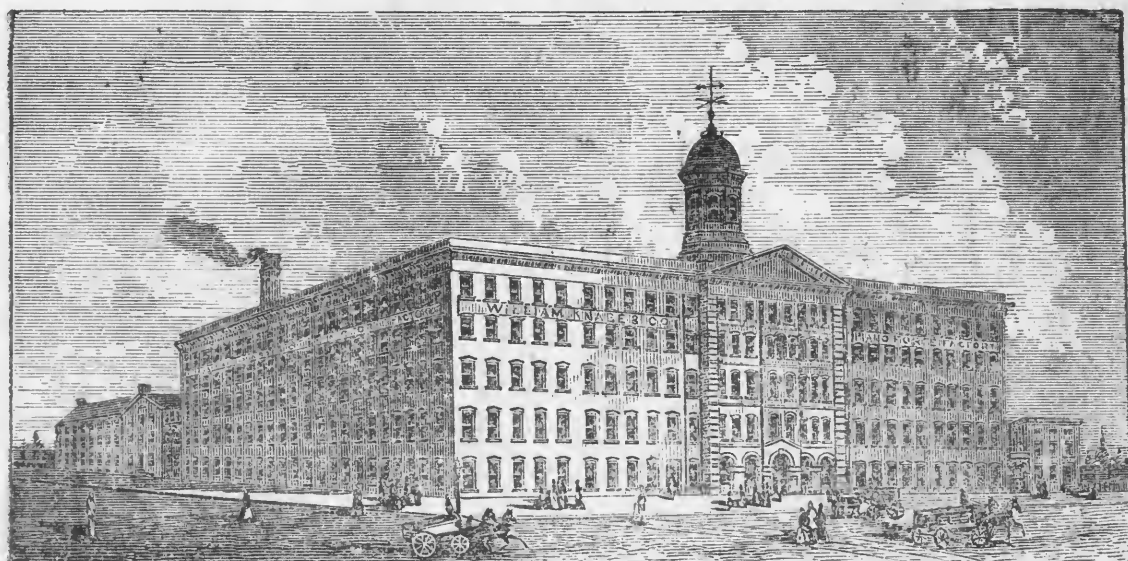
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